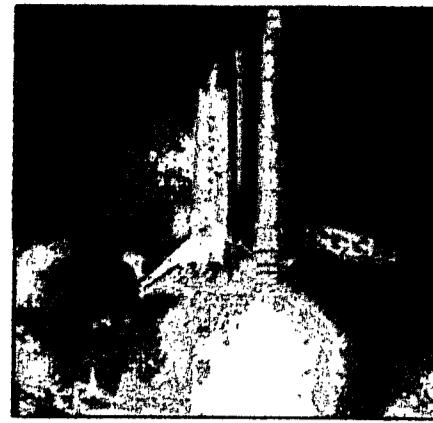


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Cellular South and Bay-Waveland Yacht Club are the sponsors for the May Hancock County Chamber of Commerce Business After Hours. The event will be today from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Bay-Waveland Yacht Club, 697 North Beach Boulevard, BSL.

GNAT Nationals to benefit Hancock RSVP

The fourth annual GNAT Nationals open car show, sponsored by the Misfits Street Krewz, takes place this Saturday at the Bay St. Louis Train Depot from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Proceeds benefit RSVP. Call 467-1815, 467-1608, 467-3798 or 467-7160 for more.

SOC Summer Camp

Parents are invited to bring their children to register Friday and Tuesday, 9 a.m.-3 p.m., for Save Our Children Summer Camp. Call 466-0401 for more.

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Casino Magic opens 14-story resort hotel tower in BSL

SPECIAL TO THE ECHO

"We like to call it thinking ahead. If we are able to fill the 291 rooms in Bay Tower and the 201-room Casino Magic Inn that we currently have, then we will consider adding a second tower. We didn't want to over build. We wanted to test the waters first," Jagunich said.

While the only Mississippi Gulf Coast casino in Hancock County, the property is centrally located only 25 miles from the Biloxi-Gulfport Airport, 65 miles from the Armstrong International Airport in New Orleans, and only 12 miles from Stennis International Airport.

Casino Magic Bay St. Louis has primarily attracted drive-in customers. With the addition of Bay Tower, coupled with increased marketing efforts, the casino's strategy is to lure people from slightly longer distances for longer stays.

Jagunich notes that the existing Inn will remain in operation after the new hotel's opening, giving the property a combined guest room total of approximately 500.

Guests will have the option of choosing between two levels of accommodations and pricing. They may choose the new higher-end hotel, or the more moderately priced Inn.

The official ribbon cutting, May 22, and opening, May 27, marks the completion of a 13-month long project. According to casino executives, the Mississippi Gulf Coast's newest casino resort hotel tower is potentially the first of two hotel towers for the property.

"The most impressive feature is the planning that went into constructing the new hotel. The entire facility was built with an additional 300-room tower in mind," said President and CEO John Jagunich.

Though only four front desk terminals are needed to check in 291 rooms, there are seven. Likewise, the pool deck is expansive enough that it can accommodate an additional 300 rooms without having to pour another pool or patio area, and there is already elevator infrastructure in place for the second tower if

Casino Magic Bay St. Louis hosted a ribbon cutting ceremony Wednesday for its new 14-story resort hotel tower. Below: Casino Magic President John E. Jagunich, Bay St. Louis Mayor Eddie Favre and Magic General Manager Todd J. Raziano.

Economic Affects

The new hotel expansion has created an additional 200 more jobs for Hancock County. Currently, Casino Magic Bay St. Louis employs over 1,250 people. It is also expected that the upgrades will generate additional gaming taxes, property taxes and tourism taxes for the state and local governments and the area school district.

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Sewer fight may jail 1

Salisbury ordered to hook up within 30 days – or else

BY BENNIE
SHALLBETTER
Staff Writer

Hancock Countians who are refusing to connect to the county sewer system may have a bigger fight on their hands than they imagine. Chris Salisbury, a Shoreline Park resident and retired master plumber, who has complained for more than a year that the county sewer system does not work correctly, was fined \$250 in justice court on Tuesday and ordered to hook up within 30 days or face jail time.

If Salisbury does not comply, he faces a term of 90 days in jail and a \$250 fine for every day after 30 days that he is not hooked up.

Salisbury maintained his position after court on Tuesday. He was disappointed in the judgment, he said and also said that the judge did allow him to present any evidence or speak out in

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Bay cracks down on overdue utility bills

BY MARY G. SEILEY
Staff Writer

An apparent crackdown on delinquent utility customers is in the making for Bay St. Louis residents and customers.

And while city officials are studying how to recover over \$219,000 in past-due bills, they're working to ease the Bay St. Louis financial burden as a member of the Southern Regional Wastewater Authority.

Bay St. Louis City Council members discussed both matters this week.

Ward 1 council member Doug Seal, who serves as president of council, brought up the utility bill matter and pressed to have a workshop meeting

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Supers uphold mobile home ban

BY BENNIE
SHALLBETTER
Staff Writer

As promised, on Wednesday, the Hancock County Board of Supervisors handed down their decision on the controversial proposal to ban mobile homes in a portion of the county. Supervisors voted five to zero to eliminate conditional use of mobile homes in all areas zoned R-2, single family

residential. Proponents have the right to appeal the decision to circuit court. The Mississippi Manufactured Housing Association appealed an earlier decision to ban mobile homes in these areas, handed down by the Planning and Zoning Commission.

This change includes many areas south of I-10,

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More than 130 contestants from all across the Gulf Coast showed up early Sunday morning for the first annual Eco-Triathlon sponsored by Earth Events in Bay St. Louis.

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Library System, Civil Defense, partner to kick off Reading Program and Hurricane Fair

The public is invited to meet the Hurricane Hunters and attend the second annual Hancock County Hurricane Fair Wednesday, June 5, at Stennis International Airport in Kiln.

The event will be held in an airport hangar located at 7059 Road C.

The festivities will kick off at 10 am. and run to 3 p.m.

The Hurricane Hunters are the kick-off event for the Hancock County Library System's 2002 Summer Reading Program.

The second annual Hurricane Fair, held in conjunction with the kickoff of the summer reading program, is sponsored by Hancock County Civil Defense, the Hancock County Board of Supervisor and the City of Bay St. Louis. The City of will also participate in the event.

"This year, Dr. Gray has predicted that there will be three major hurricanes and 12 named hurricanes," said Civil Defense Director Lynette Carbon.

"Dr. Gray and the National Hurricane Center have been predicting an increase in tropical activity. We must be prepared to respond, as the risk is greater than ever."

The fair will provide an opportunity residents to consider their preparation activities."

Businesses, federal, state and local governmental agencies and non-profit organizations will be participating in the fair. Building supply companies, health care providers and emergency responders will be available to answer questions and provide up-to-date information for people to make decisions about protecting families and property.

"Now, more than ever, we



The local Hancock County Emergency Planning Committee participated in an areawide Functional Hurricane Exercise this week involving all emergency agencies. Those in photo are, from right, Joel Langford, exercise coordinator for Mississippi Emergency Management Agency (MEMA); Lynette Carbon, Hancock County Civil Defense director; and Jasper Weisch, MEMA liaison for Hancock County during a real disaster. The exercise included all coastal hospitals with Hancock Medical Center on Wednesday doing a simulated evacuation. The exercise continues through Friday.

need people to attend events like this," said Bay St. Louis Mayor Eddie Favre. "So many new residents are adopting Bay St. Louis and Hancock County as their homes and they may never have been through a major storm."

"Our newest natives need to understand the awesome power of these storms and learn how to mitigate their risks and take steps to protect their families and their homes."

This year, the Hancock County Office of Civil

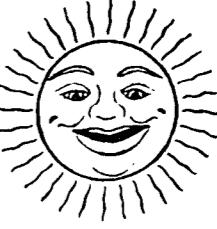
Defense is partnering with the Hancock County Library System to host this event.

The library will host the Hurricane Hunters to kick off their annual Summer Reading Program. The Hurricane Hunters, consist-

ing of 10 Lockheed-Martin WC130 aircraft and crews, are a one-of-a-kind group, the only Department of Defense organization in the world still flying tropical storms and hurricanes. They are part of the 403rd Wing Air Force Reserve based at Keesler Air Force Base in Biloxi.

"This will be a family event," said President of the Board of Supervisors Rocky Pullman. "And it's great to see that we, as a community, are focused on hurricane preparedness and becoming a disaster resistant community."

If you would like to exhibit at the Hurricane Fair or have questions, call Sue Chamberlain at (228) 467-9226.


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Bay Little Theatre salutes military

SPECIAL TO THE ECHO

The Bay St. Louis Little Theater will present "Mr. Roberts," a tribute to our country's military for Memorial Day.

This rowdy, realistic story of a Navy cargo mission takes place in the South Pacific during World War II aboard the USS Reluctant.

The crew members, led by Mr. Roberts (played by Darrell Hughes) and Ensign Pulver (Jay Coker) are bored with their endless ferrying across the ocean, and decide to play a series of practical jokes against the cantankerous captain (John Harter).

The deadly boredom is broken by these hijinks on the high seas, but Mr. Roberts still yearns for the glory of combat duty.

"Mr. Roberts" enjoyed great success in the 1955 film starring Henry Fonda as Mr. Roberts, Jack Lemmon as Ensign Pulver in an Academy Award-winning role, and James Cagney as the Captain.

The Bay St. Louis Little Theater production is directed by Ted Stechman



"Mr. Roberts"

The cast includes Jack Schornick as "Doc," Darrell Hughes as "Mr. Roberts," Jay Coker as "Ensign Pulver," and John Harter as "The Captain." Performances will be May 24, 25, 31, and June 1 at 8 p.m. and a matinee May 26 at 2 p.m.

and co-directed by Glenda Schornick. The play contains some adult language, and may not be suitable for children.

Performances will be Friday and Saturday evening, May 24 and 25 at 8 and a Sunday matinee on May 26 at 2 p.m.

Mr. Roberts will be performed again at 8 p.m. on May 31 and June 1. The playhouse is located at 301 Boardman Street in Bay St. Louis. Admission is \$10 for adults and \$7 for students under 18. All veterans will be admitted for this special show at half the normal ticket price.

Tickets will be available at the door on the night of the show.

A 20% discount for groups of 10 or more guests is available. Please call the theater for reservations at 467-2587. For information, visit www.BSLT.com.

Gaits riders win awards at horse show

BY NAN EHRBRIGHT
Contributing Writer

Eight riders from Gaits to Success participated in a recent Harrison County Fairgrounds arena.

Many of them brought home awards.

"All of the riders received trophies for participating," said instructor Clare Hanson.

The Gaits program operates out of stables in Kiln. Now in its 11th year, it serves physically, mentally and emotionally handicapped students in South Mississippi and Louisiana.

A member of the North American "Riding for the Handicapped" Association and recognized by the American Occupational Therapy Association and the American Physical Therapy Association, Gaits to Success Inc. is the only such program on the Coast.

The benefits of therapeutic horseback riding were discovered in the 1600s.

Horseback riding has

been found to help people with a number of disabilities, including muscular dystrophy, Downs syndrome, multiple sclerosis, cerebral palsy, brain injuries and spinal cord injuries. It also helps people with emotional disorders, including autism and learning disabilities.

The eight riders in the May 18 competition were Nicholas Curry, 15, Cody McKenna, 8, Abigail Griffith, 11, all of Bay St. Louis; Elizabeth Richardson, 17, and Lee Anne Bertucci, 22, both of Waveland; Jackson Pickford, 8, of Picayune; Alexander Daley, 8, of Gulfport; and Johnathan Androff, 17, of Slidell.

The competitions involve various horsemanship skills in riding, maneuvering and managing horses.

Winners in the halter class were Curry, first place; McKenna, second place; Richardson, fourth place; Griffith, fifth place;

Bertucci, sixth place.

In the equitation class, Curry placed first, Griffith placed second, Richardson placed third, McKenna placed fourth and Pickford placed sixth.

In the Trail class, Griffith placed first, Curry placed second, Bertucci placed third, McKenna placed fourth, Richardson placed fourth, and Daley placed sixth.

For a competition involving patterns and weaving around cones in the arena, Bertucci won first place, Curry came in second, followed by Daley in third place, McKenna in fourth place and Richardson in fifth place.

For the pole-bending contest, Bertucci won third place, Curry won fourth, Daley won fifth and Richardson won sixth place.

Griffith won first place in the Futures Walk and Minimal Trot competition.

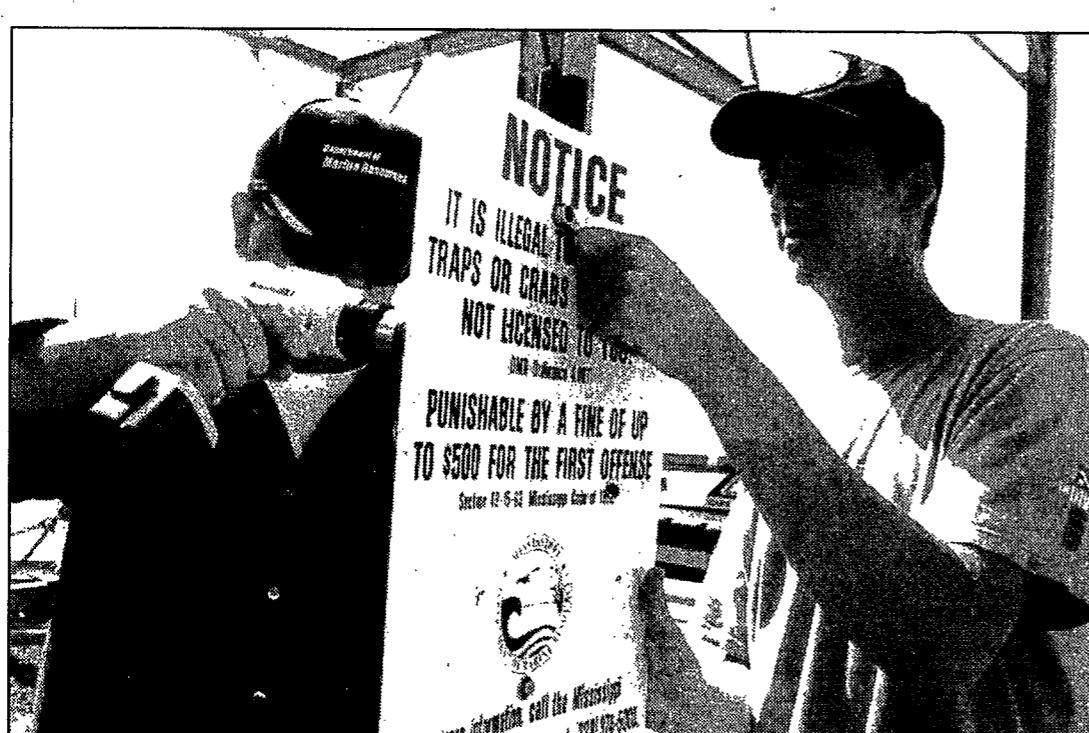
The competitions began about 10 a.m. and lasted

until nearly 5 p.m.

"It was a long day," Hanson said. The riders went home tired, but very happy.

Hanson said she was grateful to the horse owners, who not only lent the horses to Gaits for the show, but also led the horses for the various competitions.

To provide much-needed donations for the Gaits program, to volunteer assistance at the stables or for more information about the program, call 255-5368.



Mississippi Department of Marine Resources (DMR) marine fisheries staff members Rudy Ballus (left) and Mark Holden (right) post a crab ordinance sign in Biloxi Small Craft Harbor.

DMR posts signs to deter trap theft

The Mississippi Department of Marine Resources (DMR) is posting signs at about 20 of the most highly used boat launches and marinas in the three coastal counties to make the public more aware of the laws and fines associated with poaching crabs and theft of crab traps.

The Mississippi Blue Crab Task Force, which represents crab fishery interests on the Coast, voted on and approved the signs which state Mississippi law:

"It is illegal to take crab traps or crabs from traps not licensed to you (DMR Ordinance 4.007). Punishable by a fine of up to \$500 for the first offense (Section 49-15-63).

conserving marine interests of the State by managing all marine life, public trust wetlands, adjacent uplands and waterfront areas to provide for the optimal commercial, recreational, educational and economic uses of these resources consistent with environmental concerns and social changes.

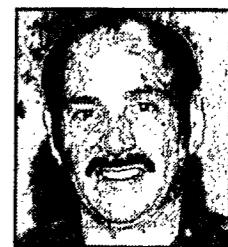
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"Stolen traps often become discarded or derelict and represent a monetary loss to Mississippi's crabbers, who are already feeling the pinch from cheap imported crab meat lowering market prices," said DMR marine fisheries biologist Traci Floyd. "By posting these signs, we hope to discourage crab trap theft and make the public more aware of the consequences of violating the law."

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OPINION

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Cuevas' Quotes

by Ellis C. Cuevas
Publisher Emeritus

The Misfits Street Krewzers will sponsor the Gnat Nationals Saturday, May 25, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on the grounds of the Bay St. Louis Depot.

This is a good time for nostalgia buffs to view their favorite cars from years ago.

I can remember the 1928 Model A my mother drove and taught me how to drive, and the 1936 Plymouth, the first vehicle I owned while still in high school. I paid a grand total of \$50 for it.

They will be playing music from the 50's and 60's and have kid games and food available.

One of the things I like about this car show is that proceeds will benefit the Hancock County Retired Senior Volunteers.

There will be awards made at 2 p.m., which will be selected by the registered participants in the Gnat Nationals.

Vehicle registration ends at noon.

The Misfits Street Krewzers are headquartered in Bay St. Louis, and if you need further information, call Mark Dubuisson, 467-1815; Dave Hall, 467-1608; Tommy Mauffray, 467-3798; or Eddie Cuevas, 467-7160. I hope to see you Saturday at the Misfits Street Krewzers show at the Depot.

Do not forget the Hancock County Chamber of Commerce Business After Hours this evening from 5 to 7 at the Bay-Waveland Yacht Club. Sponsors are the Bay-

Waveland Yacht Club and Cellular South.

There should be very good snacks and refreshments and also several door prizes. Bring along a couple of business cards.

Also, new chamber Executive Director Tish Haas Williams will be in attendance.

I hope to see you at the After Hours this evening.

I know DeLisle Elementary School Principal Clementine Williams, a Bay St. Louis native, has been looking forward to the end of this school year.

I know her father and mother, the late former Bay Police Chief Douglas and Mrs. Williams, would have been very proud to see the reception held for their daughter at the school Friday.

The Williams were very proud of their six daughters and their many accomplishments.

Miss Williams taught 40 years in Mississippi schools, mostly in DeLisle, Bay St. Louis and Pearlington. Included in those 40 years were many years as school principal, so she has been involved in the education of thousands of our citizens.

In addition to teaching, she also found time to be involved in many community projects and her church.

The best is wished for Miss Williams as she ends a tremendous career, and it is hoped she enjoys her travels. I am sure Miss Williams will still be involved in some type of educational programs for our youths.

Being a journalist can be risky business

Fellow journalist and columnist Joe Atkins, whose day job is teaching journalism at Ole Miss, has edited an important new volume of 20 essays from journalists around the globe dramatically illustrating how a free press which many Americans take for granted is an endangered concept worldwide.

The book's short title is "The Mission," with a subtitle "Journalism, Ethics and The World."

In "The Mission," contributors share experiences which prove the theme that reporters worldwide have a common bond: To get the

story and tell it, often against great odds and putting their lives at risk.

Atkins, whose Mississippi connection goes back to his reporting days on the old Jackson Daily News in the latter 1970s and later in the Washington bureau of Gannett newspapers before entering academia, ties together the overriding "mission" message of the book with several of his own contributions.

The project, which took Atkins three years to complete, is part of an international communication series published by Iowa State

University Press.

For anyone, certainly in the classroom, this book is a valuable resource to learn from qualified observers more about the ethics and hazards of global journalism.

Perhaps no other place in the world, and certainly nowhere else in our own western world, is life more dangerous for journalists than in Colombia, South America, from where Stephen Jackson, editor of the country's largest English-language newspaper weighs in with his harrowing account.

Jackson had once worked for me in the late 1970s trying to keep alive a hard-hitting watchdog, investigative alternative weekly in this Capital city. At the time,

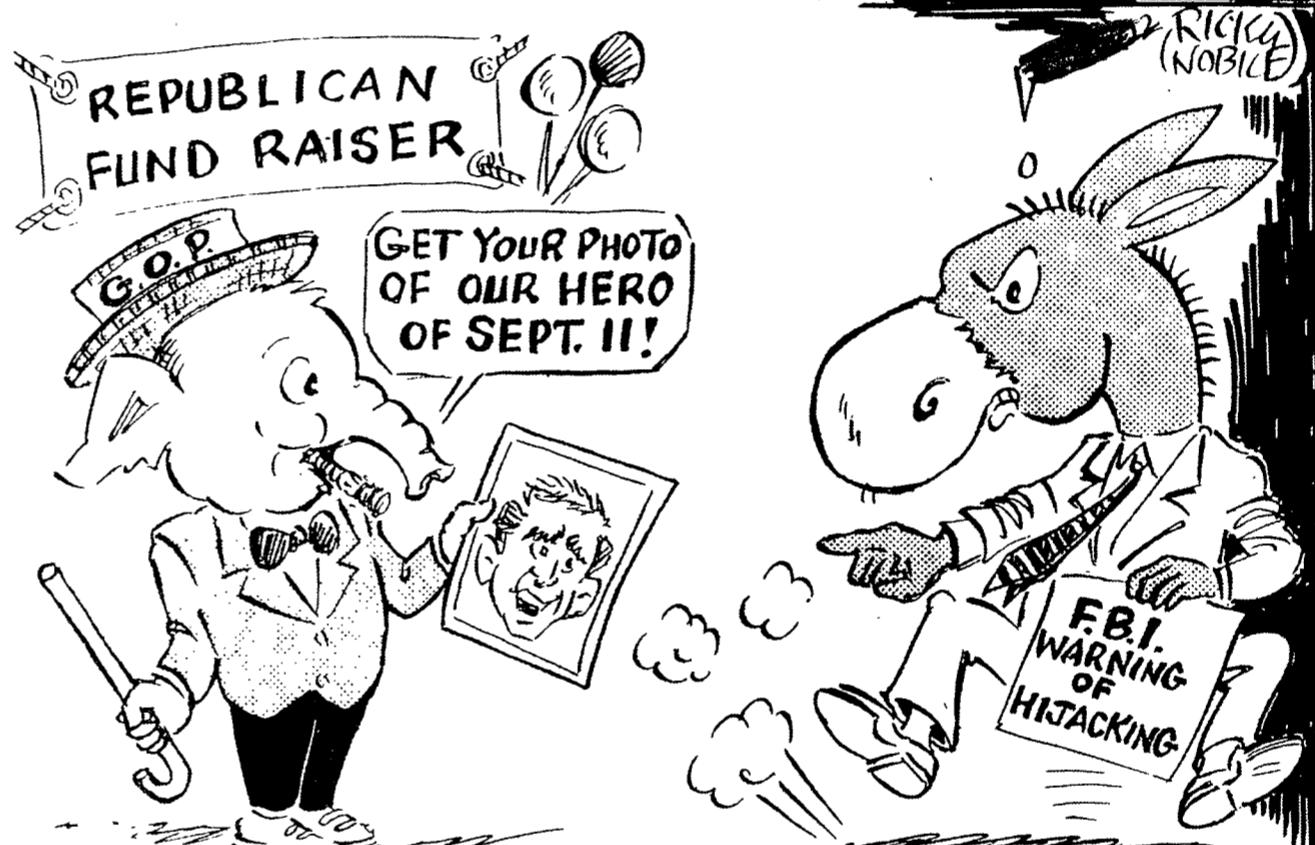
Jackson, who is white, was also teaching at predominantly black Tougaloo College.

Our little weekly, The Capital Reporter, located in a one-story glass front office in Jackson's warehouse district, four times had its plate glass window smashed, and was shot into by night-riders after we riled the Klan along with some belligerent elements of the business and governmental establishment.

However, our experiences were just a cakewalk compared to the horrendous story of what Colombian journalists have long endured at the hands of the murderous, powerful drug lords who target the press

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THINGS GETTING BACK TO NORMAL



The Sea Coast Echo welcomes comments from its readers. Letters must be signed and include address or telephone number. Letters should be brief, preferably typewritten and double-spaced. Only one letter per writer per month. The editor reserves the right to edit or reject letters. Letters of thanks, expressions of appreciation and political endorsements are inappropriate.

School policies need to be enforced equally for all

To the Editor:

Here we are at the end of another school year. It has come to our attention, after home schooling our son for a few years, that a school worker's job is repetitious.

But then to our dismay, after entering our son into the Bay-Waveland Public School System, we discovered that the school board leaders and their administrators need more training.

This training should include a more accurate accounting and a fair, appropriate action to measure on certain issues.

There are those students who want to learn and make the grade, others who just strive for popularity. And then there are those who just want to taunt and bully others.

It that why a Bay St. Louis Police Department vehicle is stationed on school premises at all times?

We wonder, how many actual assaults occurred this school year? Ask your children this question.

Prime example: One boy demanded money from

Echo goes 'trashy' with bestiality story

To the Editor:

I recently moved home from college for the summer, and I decided to read the paper, your paper (one that I frequently read before I left for school), to catch up on things that I have missed.

On Sunday, May 19 before mass, I picked up your paper and a headline caught my eye. To my surprise I read aloud, "Bayside woman jailed for bestiality."

I read the article with disgust. I was not only appalled that something like this actually happens in this county, but that the paper would actually print such a thing.

This is a family newspaper that I have enjoyed for years with my own family, a newspaper that is supposed to represent our community.

Even if there are sick individuals who would commit such crimes as bestiality, do you really want that to be the "hot topic" on the front page of our local paper? Was there really nothing else that could fit in that spot? Perhaps some-

thing a little more positive about our community?

If it had to be published, why was it not put on the back page? I was truly disappointed to see this on the front page of my local newspaper.

If it were on the front page of a paper that can be found in the check-out line of the grocery store, maybe (stressing maybe) I would understand. Your newspaper is very respected in this community because of its tasteful articles. The article that you published on May 19 was inappropriate and, to put it bluntly, trash.

I hope that you will take this into consideration when another distasteful story is handed to you. I know that you are a very busy person; so, I thank you for your time. I felt that my opinion needed to be stressed for myself but mainly for my community.

With concern,
Jill A. Rutherford
Bay St. Louis

Bestiality story shouldn't have been front page news

To the Editor:

It is unbelievable to us that you decided to make a story about an arrest for

bestiality front-page news.

While it is highly debat-

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St. Paul's Seafood Festival is May 31-June 2

Join in the food, fun and festivities of the 26th annual St. Paul's Seafood Festival, May 31 and June 1 and 2 on the grounds of St. Paul Catholic Church in Pass Christian.

Featuring fresh Gulf Coast seafood, the menu includes savory gumbo, shrimp po-boys, seafood platters and world-famous crab stuffed potatoes, as well as new delicacies such as shrimp quesadillas and Shrimp Monique by JoAnn Hanson York and onion mums by Msgr. Dennis Carver.

For those interested in more than seafood, hamburgers, hot dogs and eggrolls will be available.

Finish the meal with one of the sweet treats provided by St. Paul parishioners and the Sisters of Mercy.

Entertainment begins Friday night with the cool sounds of STARZ at 8 p.m.

On Saturday night, everybody's favorite party band, Dr. Rock and the Interns, will jam from 8 until.

Keith Hoda and The Beach Brothers will help close out the festival on Sunday.

On Saturday, 6-8 p.m., Weir Wayne of Classic Rock 105.9 will host a special remote broadcast with loads of prizes from Triad Broadcasting and Budweiser.

Once again, the kids can enjoy carnival rides and games. Over 40



Dr. Rock & the Interns will headline this year's St. Paul Seafood Festival.



St. Paul students enjoy the Seafood Festival.

crafters will be featured

this year, along with a silent auction of vacation packages, charter fishing trips, artwork, jewelry, sports memorabilia, and much more.

As a highlight of the silent auction, each class from St. Paul Elementary School has donated a school desk painted by

local artists.

Saturday morning, the Gulf Coast Running Club will host a 5K run at 8. Festival hours are Friday, from 5 p.m. to midnight; Saturday, from 11 a.m. to midnight; and Sunday, from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m.

For tickets and details on any of the events, contact St. Paul Catholic School at 228-452-7359.

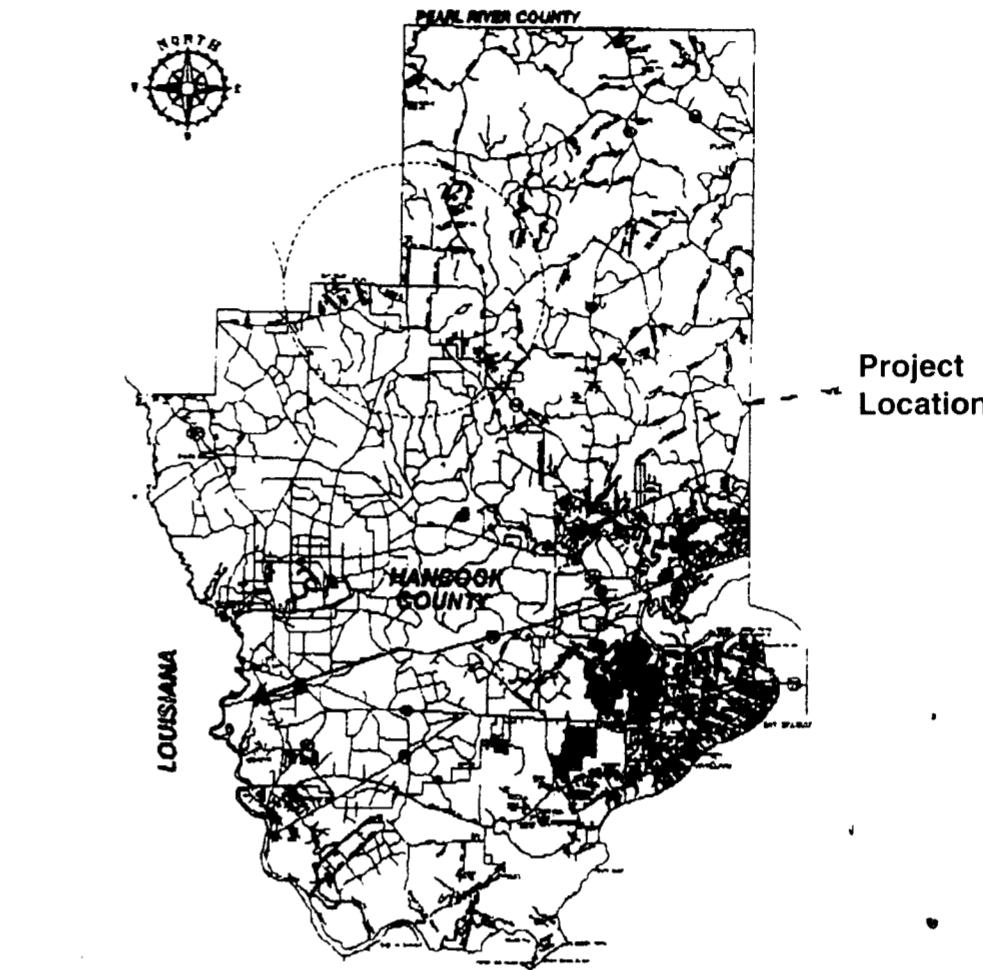
Notice of Availability of Environmental Assessment

The USDA, Rural Utilities Service has received an application for financial assistance from Kiln Water and Fire Protection District. As required by the National Environmental Policy Act, the Rural Utilities Service has prepared an Environmental Assessment that evaluated the potential environmental effects & consequences of the proposed project. This notice announces the availability of the Environmental Assessment for public review and comment.

The proposed project consists of providing a central sewer system to 811 households located within the Kiln Water and Fire Protection District. Alternatives to the proposed project: Without the proposed project, existing homes in the District's service area would continue to rely upon individual septic systems. Many of these systems are inadequate and outdated. The construction of a central sewerage system will remove an environmental and potential health hazard.

Copies of the Environmental Assessment are available for review at the Rural Development Area office located at 132 Mayfair Road, Hattiesburg, Mississippi. For further information contact Robert W. Windham, Rural Development Specialist at 601-261-3293. Any person interested in commenting on this proposed project should submit comments to the address above by June 22, 2002.

A general location map of the proposal is shown below:



Diamondhead author honored by national children's magazine

SPECIAL TO THE ECHO

Diane A. Sherrouse of Diamondhead has been honored by *Highlights for Children* for her story "Turning Trees into Tunes," which was published in the February 2001 issue. Sherrouse's feature was named "Art Feature of the Year" by the Highlights editorial, art, and production staff.

In this article, readers learn about the art of crafting guitars through an introduction to David Anton, Sherrouse's brother, who carries on his family's musical traditions by making classical guitars.

"My brother and I learned early on to work for the sheer joy of the effort," Sherrouse says.

"Through the process of my writing and our discussing the aspects of his guitar-making for this piece, we recalled a number of early family musical experiences which shaped us.

"We could again hear our mother singing, our grandfather playing violin, and our aunts at the piano. We laughed and hummed songs they taught us and renewed a deep bond. Our desire to share with others the love and value of making music was a reward in itself."

In recognition of her achievement, Sherrouse received an eight-inch pewter plate engraved with her name, the title of the winning article, and the issue in which it appeared.

The pewter plates are handcrafted in Honesdale, Pa., the home of *Highlights* since its beginning in 1946.

Now in its 55th year, *Highlights*, edited for children from two to 12, goes to more than two million homes, schools, libraries, and professional offices, and has the largest circulation of any children's periodical in Louisiana's *Daily Advertiser*.

The mother of Jeannette Elise Sherrouse Ragsdale and grandmother of 17-year-old Bobby and 14-year-old Brock Ragsdale, Sherrouse says that her relationship with the natural world fuels her life. She enjoys daily practice of yoga, reading, painting, music, and cooking and traveling with her husband Jim.

When asked why she decided to write for *Highlights*, Sherrouse replied, "An aunt gave me a subscription to *Highlights* while I was in preschool and it became my favorite childhood magazine.

At the age of four, I wrote a poem about a leaf shadow underneath my grandparents' Red Oak tree. Many poems and stories about my nature experiences followed, and I hoped one day to share some with *Highlights*."

Sherrouse's formal education is in literature and interior and landscape design. She has judged a high school essay contest and presented seminars on writing for children.

In 1996, she won a fiction award from the Writers' Guild of Acadiana for writing the best new ending to a story by Gabriel Garcia

Marquez. She has worked as a residential and commercial design consultant since 1982.

Previous publications of Sherrouse's work include wildlife essays for *Louisiana Conservationist*, articles for *Back Porch* and other magazines and journals, and columns in Louisiana's *Daily Advertiser*.

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For more information, call Heather Albright Fletcher at 251/861-7547 or e-mail halbright@disl.org. Website is <http://dockwatch.disl.org>.

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Jellyfish monitoring seeking volunteers

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Not only have the numbers of local species increased, but "exotic"

species from places like Australia and the Caribbean have also appeared in local waters.

The results of such growth could be devastating to two of the Gulf Coast's most important industries - tourism and fishing.

DockWatch is seeking volunteers to monitor the waters along the shore. Volunteers will receive all necessary equipment and

training.

Access to a dock/beach and to the Internet is required.

Information gathered by volunteers is crucial to understanding the jellyfish problem in the Gulf.

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St. Rock United Methodist Church, 301 Herlihy Street in Waveland, will celebrate Family and Friends Day May 26 at 2 p.m.

This is also League Day. Speaker will be the Rev. Donald L. Peters. Refreshments will be

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Catholic Diocese of Biloxi marks 25th anniversary

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In order to allow for greater participation of parishioners throughout the diocese, there will be five masses in celebration of the 25th anniversary of the establishment of the Catholic Diocese of Biloxi.

A Mass of Thanksgiving will be celebrated in each of the five deaneries, or areas, that comprise the diocese.

The celebrations are as follows:

• Sunday, June 2 at 5:30 p.m. at Our Lady of the Gulf Church in Bay St. Louis for the West Coast Deanery. That deanery includes Our Lady of the Gulf and St. Rose de Lima; St. Ann/St. John, Clermont Harbor; Sacred Heart, Dedeaux; St. Stephen, St. Ann and St. William, DeLisle; Annunciation, Kiln; Our Lady of Lourdes, Our Mother of Mercy and St. Paul, Pass Christian; St. Joseph, Pearlington; St. Charles Borromeo, Picayune; St. Clare, Waveland, and St. Matthew the Apostle, White Cypress.

• Monday, June 3, at 7 p.m., at Our Lady of Victories Church in Pascagoula for the East



Bishop Thomas J. Rodi

Coast Deanery. Parishes within that deanery are St. Mary, Gautier, St. Joseph, Moss Point (St. Ann, Hurley); St. Alphonsus and St. Elizabeth Seton in Ocean Springs; Our Lady of Victories, Sacred Heart and St. Peter the Apostle in Pascagoula, and Church of the Holy Spirit, Vancleave (Christ the King, Latimer).

• Tuesday, June 4, at 7 p.m., at St. James Church, Gulfport, for the Central Coast Deanery. That deanery includes St. Ann (Lizana), St. James, St.

John the Evangelist, St. Joseph, and St. Therese in Gulfport, and St. Thomas the Apostle in Long Beach.

• Wednesday, June 5, at 7 p.m., at Sacred Heart Church in Hattiesburg for the Northern Deanery.

Parishes in that deanery include St. Peter, Bassfield (and its St. Lawrence, Monticello and St. Mary, Prentiss Missions), Holy Trinity, Columbia (St. Paul the Apostle Mission, Tylertown), Holy Rosary, Sacred Heart, and St. Thomas in Hattiesburg; Immaculate Conception, Laurel; Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Lumberton (St. Joseph Mission, Poplarville); St. Bernedette, Waynesboro (Holy Trinity, Leakesville); and St. Francis Xavier, Wiggins (St. Lucy, Lucedale).

• Thursday, June 6, at 7 p.m., at Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary Cathedral in Biloxi for the East Central Coast Deanery. That deanery includes Nativity Cathedral Parish, Our Lady of Fatima, Our Mother Of Sorrows, Sacred Heart (D'Iberville, St. John, St. Louis, St. Mary (Woolmarket), St. Michael

and The Church of the Vietnamese Martyrs, all in Biloxi.

The Diocese of Biloxi, established June 6, 1977, was formerly part of the Diocese of Natchez-Jackson. The diocese, created during the Pontificate of Pope Paul VI, comprises the 17 southern-most counties of Mississippi, extending from the Louisiana state line to the west to the Alabama state line to the east, and north to include Jones and Wayne counties (east) and Lawrence County (west).

Most Reverend Joseph Lawson Howze, the first bishop of the diocese, retired last June after serving as Bishop of Biloxi for 24 years. Most Reverend Thomas J. Rodi was ordained as bishop and installed as head of the diocese on July 2, of last year.

All celebrations will be tri-lingual – English, Spanish and Vietnamese – to reflect the ethnic diversity of the Church of Biloxi.

Father Tommy Conway, pastor at St. Thomas Aquinas Church in Hattiesburg and head of the Northern Deanery, addressing the logistics of five dif-

ferent celebrations, said Bishop Thomas Rodi, is placing new emphasis on the deaneries in an effort to reach out to as many people of all faiths as possible.

Bishop Rodi "is very anxious to make this significant historical moment a celebration in which all the people of the diocese can participate," Father Conway explained, adding that the bishop "is a strong advocate of ecumenism ..."

Father Conway said that ministers of various denominations, as well as community representatives from all 13 cities and towns in the (northern) deanery have been extended a special invitation to attend the celebration.

Father George Murphy, pastor of Sacred Heart Church in Hattiesburg, said that church was selected as the site for the Northern Deanery anniversary celebration "because it is the Mother Church of the deanery," and is large enough to

accommodate the anticipated number of participants. Sacred Heart was established in 1900.

A reception at the Jackie Dole Sherrill Community Center will follow the Northern Deanery liturgy.

All parishioners of the Diocese of Biloxi and friends of the diocese are encouraged to attend one of the five celebrations.

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American Legion Unit 139 hosts dinner/dance/auction

On Friday, May 24, dinner/dance/auction, will be held at American Legion Post 139 on Green Meadow Road in Bay St. Louis to raise funds for the Blair E. Batson Children's Hospital.

This annual event is being sponsored by American Legion Auxiliary Unit 139 of Bay St. Louis to raise funds for the American Legion Auxiliary Department of Mississippi President's "Special Project."

Blair E. Batson Children's Hospital is a state-of-the-art hospital in Jackson that concentrates on the treatment of our children who are terminally ill or fighting a debilitating disease.

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of the many hospitals that fall under the Miracle Network's funding, and they need all of the help they can get in the way of purchasing equipment, medications, acquiring staff, furnishing comfort item for the children, etc., in order to give our children the very best treatment for their illness and necessary emotional care.

Major contributors in making this fundraiser possible is the Hancock County 1355th Unit of the Mississippi National Guard, Mayor Eddie Favre and staff, American Legion Post 139 and members, and Unit 139 members.

All proceeds from this event will go the Blair E. Batson Children's Hospital.

Tickets are \$10 per person, or \$15 a couple. Dinner will consist of shrimp jambalaya, chicken and sausage gumbo, salad, French bread, dessert, and BYOB. Set-ups will be available.

A local favorite, Bobby Allison, will play for the dance. Dinner will be served

at 7 p.m., and the dance will begin at 8 p.m. Tickets are available at the American Legion Club House on Green Meadow or may be purchased at the door.

For information, contact Jeanne Garcia, chairman, 467-8322, or Rhonda Aime, co-chairman, at 467-5517.

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Bay-Waveland Yacht Club sailing camps

The Bay-Waveland Yacht Club is promoting sailing on the Gulf Coast by offering a sailing camp which is available to non-members as well as members. The club boats are used in the sailing camp, so it is not necessary to own a boat to attend the camp.

The BWYC Sailing Camp 2002 will consist of four two-week sessions which will meet from 9 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. four days each week, Tuesday through Friday. The four sessions are June 4 through 14, June 8 through 28, July 1 (no camp on the Fourth of July) through 12, and July 16 through 26.

A "Camp Regatta," in which all campers are invited to participate at no charge, is planned for July 30 and 31, with August 1 reserved as a "rain day."

Awards for the campers and for the "Camp Regatta" participants will be presented at a sailing camp banquet in the evening of August 1.

All campers and their parents and relatives are invited to the banquet. There will be a nominal charge per person for the banquet. Reservations will be required.

This year, the instructors and staff will teach on a "learn rotation" plan to insure that all campers will benefit from the knowledge and instruction of each staff member.

U.S. Sail guidelines will be the basis used in teaching the course for all levels, beginner through advanced student experience.

The ratio of staff members to campers will be limited to one staff member to five campers. The one to five ratio is a "cutoff" ratio and will not be exceeded.

Cost of the camp is \$230 per camper per session for non-members. Openings remain in all four sessions as of mid-May. Register now, while there is still space available. Call BWYC at 228.467.4592 for additional information.

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The schools office will close June 21 and reopen July 22.

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Magic -- new hotel tower

property is centrally located only 25 miles from the Biloxi-Gulfport Airport, 65 miles from the Armstrong International Airport in New Orleans, and only 12 miles from Stennis International Airport.

Casino Magic Bay St. Louis has primarily attracted drive-in customers. With the addition of Bay Tower, coupled with increased marketing efforts, the casino's strategy is to lure people from slightly longer distances for longer stays.

Jagunich notes that the existing Inn will remain in operation after the new hotel's opening, giving the property a combined guest room total of approximately 500.

Guests will have the option of choosing between two levels of accommodations and pricing. They may choose the new higher-end hotel, or the more moderately priced Inn.

Economic Affects

The new hotel expansion has created an additional 200 more jobs for Hancock County. Currently, Casino Magic Bay St. Louis employs over 1,250 people. It is also expected that the upgrades will generate additional gaming taxes, property taxes and tourism taxes for the state and local governments and the area school district.

Future Plans

"Phase II will be developed according to what the market will bear," said General Manager Todd Raziano. "In addition to the possibility of adding a hotel tower next to the existing one, current plans include the addition of Jackpot Java this fall. This 24-hour coffee house will replace the current Café Magic."

Plans also include remodeling the casino's main lobby stage area. Other property improvements could include expanding the 100-site RV park, which is currently the Mississippi Gulf Coast's only onsite casino RV park.

Rooms & Suites

There are eight deluxe suites with 9-foot ceilings, 46 junior suites with 8-foot ceilings, 169 double rooms, 55 king rooms and 12 handicap rooms.

Standard rooms offer coffee makers, ironing boards, irons and hair dryers.

Suites and junior suites also have a Jacuzzi tub. All rooms are decorated with blonde wood furniture with

black wrought iron accents. Curtains, linens and upholstery are variations of golds and greens.

Bay Tower offers scenic views of the state's only Arnold Palmer golf course and the Bay of St. Louis.

Interior Design & Architecture

Throughout the hotel, beautiful, rich, warm gold and earth tones, carry guests from one area to another. Black, camel, gold, and vibrant reds grace the carpets with gold tones and crown molding along the walls.

A beautiful aesthetic affect built along the hotel walkway between the lobby and meeting area, is the rotunda. The rotunda is a central area that offshoots to VIP Check-in, Group Check-in and the entrance to the casino's newest restaurant, Jourdan River Grille.

In the center of the rotunda is a hand-made dry Mexican fountain full of blooming greenery, but the focal point is the view above the fountain.

Passersby can get a perfect view of the new Tower by glancing up through a glass dome at the towering hotel.

Urban Design Group is the architectural firm credited with the architectural design of Bay Tower Hotel and other Casino Magic renovation projects for Bay Tower.

Interior design is by Genesis Associates, a California-based company known for projects such as Atlantis Casino Resort guest room renovation, MGM Grand Hotel and Casino renovation, Monte Carlo Resort and Casino Micro-Brewery Restaurant and countless others.

Roy Anderson, Corp., a Mississippi-based company, was the general contractor.

Meetings

Meeting planners will be pleased with the over 30,000 square feet of flexible meeting space available throughout the casino resort property.

Including the pre-function area, over 15,000 square feet of meeting space is in the new hotel expansion. The 10,000 square foot Cypress Cove Ballroom may be divided into five separate break out rooms for smaller functions.

The Cypress Cove Ballroom carpeting echoes the gold tones throughout Bay Tower with bold golds,

rich reds, black, and a hint of teal in swirling, leaf-like patterns.

Beautiful dome-shaped light fixtures and tray ceilings add to the elegance of the room. It is also one of a few ballrooms on the Gulf Coast that is wired to accommodate large-scale concerts that often require additional power for lighting and sound equipment.

The 5,000-square-foot pre-function meeting area just outside the ballroom, may also be used as catering or party space and has a wall of windows overlooking the pool deck.

An additional selling point for meetings is a private boardroom. The room has teleconferencing capabilities, a butler's closet, bar and private restrooms.

The room accommodates 12 - 16 people. Overall, Casino Magic Bay St. Louis can accommodate groups ranging from 10 to 2,000.

Recreation

Just outside of the Cypress Cove Ballroom is the pre-function area, which overlooks the pool deck consisting of a pool, whirlpool and cabana bar.

The deck is landscaped with a variety of tropical plants including palms, elephant ears and monkey grass. Guests may order both food and drinks at the pool.

A small game room is available for guests. The game room may be entered via the hotel walkway or from the pool deck.

Casino Magic also has expanded its retail space for shoppers. Tokens Gift Shop, located between the casino lobby and hotel lobby, is open daily offering gifts such as clothing, logo'd items and jewelry, to sundries such as newspapers and postage stamps.

Restaurants

Guests seeking great food and entertainment now have more options than ever with a choice of five restaurants including: the new Jourdan River Grille, the new Tuscan Steaks and Seafood, Bienville's Bay Buffet, Café Magic and The Bridges Clubhouse Grill.

The newest restaurant, located within the hotel, is Jourdan River Grille.

It is a 160-seat restaurant with a comfortable jazzy feel. Hardwood floors and wrought iron add just a hint of New Orleans to the architecture. Guests will enjoy the waterfront views and can partake of break-

fast, lunch or dinner. There is a private dining room available for special functions.

The all-American cuisine has both local and New Orleans influences.

Casino Magic opened Tuscany, a steak and seafood dinner restaurant with an Italian flair in April. Future plans include a further expansion of this restaurant, which is located on the second floor of the casino.

Spa & Fitness Center

"Spa at the Bay" encompasses a spa, salon and fitness center for hotel guests. It is designed for both men and women and is moderately priced offering everything from manicures and facials to massages and aromatic soaks.

There are even special packages for couples. The fitness area, located within the spa, overlooks the expansive pool deck and swimming pool.

"Spa at the Bay" is scheduled to open in mid June.

Behind the Scenes

While the public area of Bay Tower is quite impressive, the back-of-house, or behind the scenes areas, are equally impressive.

The hotel has large capacity laundry facilities with automated pressing and folding machines that practically hand the completed product to housekeeping staff.

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Penn National also owns two racetracks and 11 off-track wagering facilities in Pennsylvania and one racetrack at Charles Town Races in West Virginia, and has the management contract for Casino Rama, located approximately 90 miles north of Toronto.

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Entertainment

Randy Travis comes to the Coast

EXTRA SPECIAL

Randy Travis will kick off the Memorial Weekend at Casino Magic Bay St. Louis with a performance Friday, May 24 at 9 p.m.

Tickets for the Travis concert start at \$39.95 and can be purchased at the Casino Magic Gift Shop, by calling 1-800-5-MAGIC-5, or through any Ticketmaster location.

Travis, known for such number one hits as "Forever And Ever Amen," "Better Class Of Losers," and "If I Didn't Have You," was born on May 4, 1959.

Randy Bruce Traywick was the second of six children. His father Harold raised turkeys, bred horses, and ran a construction business, and his mother Bobbie, worked in a textile plant.

By the time Travis was 10 years old, he and his brother, Ricky, had their own duo, playing throughout the South at fiddler's conventions, private parties, VFW halls and anywhere and everywhere they could draw a crowd.

Even at his young age Travis' voice startled people with its resonance. At age 16, he entered a talent show hosted by Country City USA as a soloist.

After winning the competition hands down, he was invited by the club owner, Lib Hatcher, to play regularly at the famed night spot. He then relocated to Charlotte.

Hatcher took over management of the fledgling singer and in the late 70's Travis recorded two singles for Paula Records, "Dreamin'" and "She's My Woman" with Joe Stampley producing. He spent most of his time writing songs and getting acquainted with the Nashville scene.

Turned down by nearly every record label in



Country music great Randy Travis will perform at Casino Magic Bay St. Louis this Friday.

Nashville, often more than once, Travis was finally signed to Warner Brothers Records in 1985.

Record company executives changed his name to Travis, and his first recorded effort for his new label was "Prairie Rose," on the soundtrack to the film, "Rustler's Rhapsody." It was followed by the release of the album, "Storms of Life" in 1986, and the rest is country music history.

The first single, "On The Other Hand," was a perfect slice of Travis' authentic country talent. "1982" followed, and with that hit he established himself as a singer and performer in the grand tradition of George Jones, Lefty Frizzell, Merle Haggard and a handful of others.

The success of both singles led to wide-spread demand for live shows, and his next set out on an extensive and ongoing tour, taking him across the United States and Canada before

record-setting crowds.

Soon it seemed every award in the music business had Travis' name on it. A string of country chart-toppers ensued, and by the end of the decade, his record sales topped 13 million copies.

During a break from touring in 1991, Travis married his longtime manager and friend, Lib Hatcher in a quiet ceremony on the island of Maui, Hawaii.

In September, 1997, after

12 albums with Warner Brothers, Travis was the first artist to sign with the newly formed DreamWorks Records label in Nashville.

When "Out of My Bones," the first single from the new label's debut album, "You and You Alone" was released in 1998, he delivered the label its first number one country hit.

"A Man Ain't Made of Stone," his second album for DreamWorks, continues his journey as one of the biggest selling, and most distinctive

artists in country music.

Travis balances a full-time music career with a full-time acting career. In addition to guest appearances on TV's Matlock, Touched By An Angel, and Texas, his film credits include The Rainmaker (starring Jon Voight, Matt Damon, and Danny DeVito), Frank and Jessie (Bill Paxton and Rob Lowe), Black Dog (Patrick Swayze), and Fire Down Below (Steven Seagal).

He's also featured with Antonio Banderas, Ellen Barkin, Lily Tomlin, and Bob Hoskins in the upcoming White River Kid. Travis recently completed filming in a starring role in the upcoming Miramax/Dimension film Texas Rangers with James Van Der Beek, Dylan McDermott and Usher.

He also finished work on Major Remo, an independent film documentary featuring legendary film actor Charlton Heston. His future film work includes the independent film, John-John In the Sky. In the late 1980's, he opened the floodgates for the new traditionalist movement in country music. Travis is secured enough with his talent to realize that he does not have to choose between music and film and each can help the other.

In the final analysis, he is the rare lucky man who has been able to make all of his dreams come true.

Coast symphony celebrates 40th year

The Gulf Coast Symphony is celebrating its 40th year - the Ruby Anniversary. The Ruby Gala will be June 7 at the Isle of Capri Flamingo Ballroom in Biloxi.

There will be dancing and entertainment. Music for dancing will be provided by the Classics Swing Band from the University of Southern Mississippi, accompanied by Jana Evans, Coast resident and singer. In addition, a gourmet dinner will be served.

There will be both silent and live auctions, with items such as a Frank Janca painting, a Ray Coles

hand-painted silk scarf, three signed Broadway posters, custom-designed jewelry, and a Napa Valley wine country trip.

There will be several categories of participation, some of which include a patron reception prior to the ball, a preview party at the newly renovated Pinnacle Room at Casino Magic Biloxi, and recognition in invitations and programs.

As an added treat, there will be informal modeling by the Beau Rivage collection at the preview party.

Proceeds will go toward the symphony's many educational and cultural

events, as well as providing support for the Youth Orchestra.

"Your participation will help ensure our community's enjoyment of concert music, through the regular concert season, including the appearance of world-class guest artists, special holiday and family concerts, and youth concerts," said a spokesperson.

The black-tie-optional event will offer entertainment, food and fun, while benefiting the Gulf Coast Symphony.

For information, contact the symphony office at 228-439-9800.

Writing workshop scheduled June 7-8

The 2002 Southern Christian Writers Conference workshop will be June 7 and 8 in Tuscaloosa, Ala. It is the largest writing workshop in the Southeast.

Designed for both beginning and experienced writers, it will include instruction on writing and publishing books, magazine articles, novels, screenplays, newsletters, and other topics.

Sessions are geared to writers interested in both Christian and secular publishing.

Details on the workshop may be obtained by contacting Joanne Sloan, SCWC Coordinator, P.O. Box 1106, Northport, AL 35476 (phone 205-333-8603 or e-mail scwc2002@aol.com).

Gilbert Morris, author of 177 novels, will deliver a keynote address on

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Other speakers are Esther Burroughs, book author, lyricist, and inspirational speaker; travel writer Judy Bates; Germaine Copeland, founder of Word Ministries and author of the

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Obituaries

DARLENE BEDFORD
CATHLYN CASEY
ELIZABETH GROGAN
JARED HOLT
JOHN LEE JR.
BETTY NECAISE
MATTIE SAMS

DARLENE BEDFORD
 Darlene Ann Bedford, 38, of Kiln, died Friday, May 17, 2002, in Kiln.

Mrs. Bedford was a native of Picayune. She was a member of Annunciation Catholic Church and was employed by Casino Magic Bay St. Louis.

Survivors include son Chris Hollis, daughters Theresa Benjamin and Ambrey Hollis, and her mother, Jessie Stiglet Gardner, all of Kiln; her father and stepmother, A. J. and Betsy Ruspoli of Lake Worth, Fla.; brothers John Bilbo and Chester Bilbo, both of Bay St. Louis, and Rusty Ruspoli and Michael Ruspoli, both of Kiln; and a sister, Rosemary Clark off Long Beach, Calif.

Visitation was Monday evening at Edmond Fahey Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated Tuesday in Annunciation Catholic Church followed by interment in St. Joseph Cemetery.

CATHLYN CASEY
 Cathlyn Moody Casey, 84, of Pass Christian, died Saturday, May 18, 2002, in Gulfport.

Mrs. Casey was a homemaker and a long-time Gulf Coast resident. She was a member of Broadmoor Baptist Church, the Order of Eastern Star and the PTA.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Joseph M. Casey Jr., and a son, William Gary Casey.

Survivors include her son, Joseph M. Casey III of Gulfport; sisters, Hessie Dedeaux of Orange Grove and Bobbie Casey of Long Beach; two grandchildren and a great-grandchild.

Services were conducted Monday at Riemann Funeral Home in Gulfport. Burial was in Gulf Pines Memorial Gardens in Long Beach.

The family prefers memorials to the Bayou View Baptist Church Building Fund.

ELIZABETH GROGAN

Elizabeth Grogan, 70, of Bay St. Louis, died Sunday, May 19, 2002, in Bay St. Louis.

Arrangements are incomplete at Edmond Fahey Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis.

JARED HOLT

Jared Holt, 21, of Waveland, died Tuesday, May 21, 2002, in Bay St. Louis.

Mr. Holt was a native of Hancock County and a Waveland resident. He was of the Catholic faith and a member of Our Lady of the Gulf Catholic Church.

He was preceded in death by his maternal grandmother, Marie Mauffray and paternal grandparents James W. and Eva Leone Holt.

Survivors include his son, Marcus Holt; mother, Donna Mauffray Holt of Waveland; father, Alfred Holt of Key West; sister, Katherine Holt of Bay St. Louis; and maternal grandfather, Conrad Mauffray of Bay St. Louis.

A visitation will be held Friday from 10-11 a.m. at the Edmond Fahey Funeral Home Chapel in Bay St. Louis. Interment will be private.

JOHN LEE JR.
 John M. "Bro. Lee" Lee Jr., 79, of Pearlington, died Sunday, May 19, 2002 in Pearlington.

Mr. Lee was a native of Logtown and was a retired construction worker. He was a member of Greater Mt. Zion Methodist AME and served in the U.S. Air Force.

Survivors include sons

John M. Lee III and Don Keith Lee, all of Pearlington; daughters Diane Burton and Vanessa Dale Lee and Pamela Jean Lee, all of Pearlington, and Anisean Lee of Slidell; brothers, Willie Lee, James Lee, Freddie Lee and Albert Lee, all of Pearlington; sisters, Susie Burton and Thelma Fairley, both of Pearlington; and Mary Lewis of Bay St. Louis; 11 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

Visitation will be Saturday, May 25, noon-1 p.m. at Greater Mt. Zion Methodist AME in Pearlington followed by services. Burial will be in Lindsey Cemetery in Logtown.

Baylous Funeral Home in Picayune is in charge of arrangements.

BETTY NECAISE

Betty Jean Moore Necaise, 76, of Kiln, died Tuesday, May 21, 2002, in Bay St. Louis.

Mrs. Necaise was a native of Natchez and a resident of Kiln for the past 38 years. She was a member of Long Beach United Methodist Church and was a retired nurse from Miramar Nursing Home and part-time worker with Dunbar Village.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Fairley Necaise, Sr.; a son, David Necaise; a daughter, Cynthia Murphy Reed; her parents, Dudley Heinz and Helen Irene Rogers Moore; and a brother, V. R. Dillistone.

Survivors include a son, Neal "Sam" Necaise of Kiln; stepsons, Darryl Necaise of Gulfport and Carl Necaise of Dedeaux; daughter, Carole Hoffman Morrison of Maumelle, Ark.; a brother, Fred Dillistone of Gulfport; 14 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

Visitation was Wednesday evening at Edmond Fahey Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis. A

prayer service will be conducted today, May 23 at 2 p.m. at the funeral home chapel followed by interment in Bayou Coco Cemetery in Kiln.

MATTIE SAMS

Mattie Sams, 102, of Bay St. Louis, died Sunday, May 19, 2002, in Bay St. Louis.

Services are pending at J. T. Hall Funeral Home in Gulfport.



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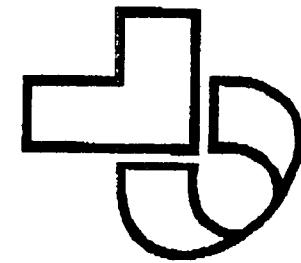
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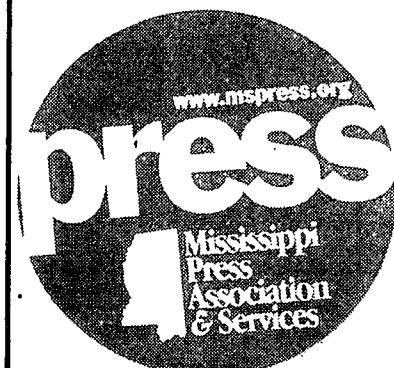
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BUSINESS NEWS

Friede Goldman Halter to sell Halter Marine

Friede Goldman Halter, Inc. (OTCBB:FGHLQ) has entered into a contract with Bollinger Shipyards, Inc. to sell the assets and activities of Halter Marine, Inc. for \$48.0 million cash and other considerations.

Halter is one of three business units presently operated by Friede Goldman Halter and is a leading builder of small- to medium-sized vessels.

The agreement contem-

plates Bollinger acquiring all the operating assets and properties of Halter, including the assets at Halter Pascagoula, Halter Moss Point, Moss Point Marine, Halter Port Bienville, Halter Lockport, Halter Gulfport East Central and Three Rivers.

The acquisition is subject to approval by the United States Bankruptcy Court, and the closing is expected to take place in late July or

early August 2002.

"The sale of Halter Marine to Bollinger Shipyards is a major step in providing a return to the creditors. The continued loyalty of the employees, customers and suppliers has made this possible," said Jack Stone, president and CEO of Friede Goldman Halter.

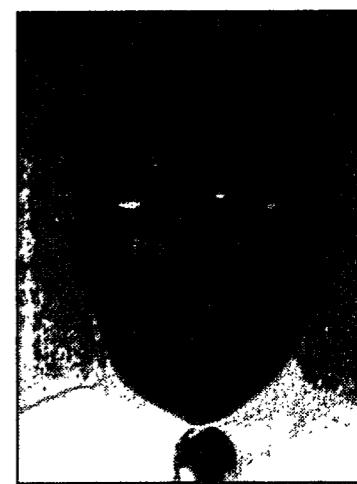
Donald "Boysie" Bollinger, chairman and CEO of Bollinger said, "We are very excited about this

pending acquisition as it will expand our capacity and capabilities in new construction, establish our presence and visibility in new foreign and domestic markets and will complement our extensive inventory of designs.

"Best of all, we will retain substantially all of Halter's dedicated employees thereby gaining hundreds of highly talented and skilled designers and shipbuilders

whose excellent reputation is known around the world. We look forward to welcoming them to the Bollinger family."

"Our goal," said Bollinger, "is to make the transition for our new employees and customers as seamless as possible. The transition went very smoothly when we acquired Halter's repair division in August 2000, and we will do it again."



Agent of the Year
Kiln area Farm Bureau Insurance agent Rod Ward has been selected as "New Agent of the Year" for Farm Bureau Mississippi. During the past year he has acquired several additional licenses and specializes in commercial and personal lines of insurance.

Rotary's work to eradicate polio receives major award

The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation has announced that The Rotary Foundation of Rotary International, has been selected as the recipient of the 2002 Gates Award for Global Health. The award recognizes Rotary's leadership and impact in the field of public health, most notably the organization's top priority of eradicating polio by 2005.

The award includes a one million dollar cash grant.

Rotary has contributed over US\$462 million toward polio eradication, and over one million Rotary members have volunteered their time and personal resources to help immunize more than 2 billion children in 122 countries.

The award not only recognizes Rotary's work to end polio, but also the mobilization of over a million Rotary members to work in areas of health and sustainable development. Hundreds of ongoing community service projects are

improving the health and welfare of those in need throughout the world. Examples of Rotary programs include: a revolving loan program for women in Uganda to break the link between AIDS and chronic poverty, a project in the Philippines to provide free tuberculosis screening and treatment for children of pre-school or elementary age, and water projects that provide clean water in El Salvador.

"The Rotary Foundation is truly deserving of recognition for its exemplary achievements in the field of global health," said Bill Gates, Sr., co-chair and CEO of the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. "I've seen Rotary volunteers in action and they do tremendous work. We should never take for granted the generosity and hard work of people in communities everywhere who volunteer their time and resources to make a difference in the world."

lives of children and families in both developing and developed nations."

The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation established the Gates Award for Global Health in the amount of US\$1 million to recognize an organization that has made a major and lasting contribution to the field of global health. The Global Health Council administers the award process. In selecting this year's recipient, the Council's board of directors considered the following criteria: extraordinary contributions toward progress in the knowledge and practice of health in low-income societies, demonstrated leadership, an established record of achievement, innovation in program design, organizational capacity, collaboration with others, evidence that contributions have been adopted across geographic and organizational boundaries, and substantial impact on health around the world.

"We thank the Gates Foundation for recognizing the important role that Rotary plays in the effort to improve the health of men, women and children worldwide," said Luis Vicente Gaiay, chairman of The Rotary Foundation. "Rotary receives this award with great humility, but we are so proud that this honor recognizes the critical role civil society plays in the fight to give people in developing nations access to effective immunizations and health care. We hope that the award will help raise awareness of the crucial need to eradicate polio now - when we have the opportunity."

The award will be presented in Washington, DC, on Thursday, May 30th, at a dinner during the Global Health Council's 29th annual international conference, "Global Health in Times of Crisis." Bill Gates, Sr. will present the award on behalf of the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation.

Last year, the first-ever

Gates Award was presented to the Centre for Health and Population Research. Based in Dhaka, Bangladesh, the Centre focuses on addressing health conditions prevalent in developing countries and associated with poverty. The Centre pioneered the discovery and development of oral re-hydration solution (ORS), which today saves the lives of two-and-a-half-million children each year from diarrhea, the sickness that used to be the leading infectious killer in the world.

Rotary is an organization of business and professional leaders united worldwide who provide humanitarian service and help to build goodwill and peace in the world. There are approximately 1.2 million Rotary club members of more than 30,000 Rotary clubs in 163 countries.

The Bay St. Louis Rotary Club meets each Wednesday at noon in the Bay-Waveland Yacht Club.

Coast Electric names new board

Coast Electric Power Association has experienced the end of a long legacy of service within its board of directors.

Director Austin Rouse died unexpectedly in September 2001 following a brief illness. Directors Clyde Richard and Felix Seeger have retired after serving more than three decades.

Robert Ochi, general manager, said the directors whose contributions span over 36 years were instrumental to the development and progress of Coast Electric.

"These individuals were steadfast supporters of rural electrification. Their contributions to our organization and their dedication to service are a proud tribute to the cooperative way of doing business," Ochi said.

Rouse served on Coast DBPA meets today

The Diamondhead Business and Professional Association will meet today, May 23, 8-9 a.m. in the Diamondhead Country Club.

Guest speakers will be the candidates for the June election of new officers and directors of the Diamondhead Country Club and Property Owners Association.

The new web site is www.DiamondheadPOA.com.

Business After Hours will be hosted by Hancock Bank, Diamondhead branch, 5-7 p.m. the same day.

"Litter is a never-ending problem," said Tanna Adam, club secretary. "Don't litter. If you see trash laying around, please pick it up."

This year's Merchants Fair will be Nov. 21, 5-8 p.m. at the Diamondhead Country Club.

Gordon L. Redd, Jr. of Gulfport, and James R. Ginn of Diamondhead.

Board President Wm. Douglas Mooney made the announcement in March.

"These individuals each possess the desire to serve their neighbors and work for the betterment of their communities and the association," he said.

Lopez brings a 29-year career of serving his community as a Battalion Chief with the city fire department.

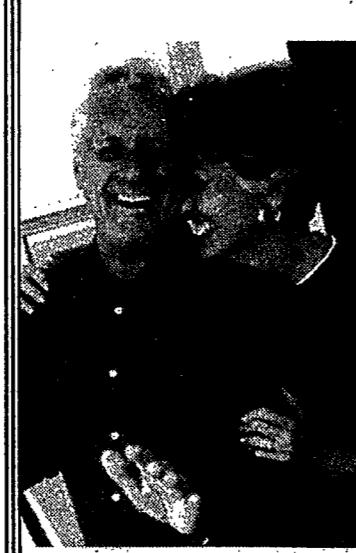
Redd, co-owner and president of a local pest control company, has earned an excellent business and community service reputation.

Ginn joins Coast Electric's board with a 40-year career in the banking and financial industry.

Ochi said, "These individuals and their professional expertise, unique experiences and extensive knowledge of the people and communities we serve will enhance our entire organization."

Ready to embrace the cooperative way and fill the vacancies on Coast Electric Power Association's board are: Charles Lopez of Biloxi,

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Bay -- utility bills

devoted to the problem. He and other council members flipped through computer printouts showing all the overdue customers' names and amounts owed.

Seal said all members of council would recognize the names of residents and businesses that could well afford to pay up what's past due.

"As bad as it is now, it's better than it has been," said Mayor Eddie Favre. Still, some of the arrears are inexcusable, he said. "There's no excuse for it. Absolutely no excuse."

The same problem was discussed several years ago by council, before Seal and at-large council member William "Bill" Taylor were elected to office. The administration insists it have a viable policy in place to deal with the delinquencies - especially by newer customers in the system. The city sells water and gas to area residents, and bills for sewer service and garbage collections.

Apparently much of the overdue debt stems from years and years of failure to pay by certain individuals.

Taylor said the small town nature of Bay St. Louis makes it tough to press friends and acquaintances for payment. Still, he insisted, the utility department is the only "business" enterprise the city conducts. Favre said the delinquencies are handled on a "case by case" basis, depending on the size and age of the debt, and the ability of the customer to chisel away at it.

But that approach, said Taylor, is wrong. "I think looking at it on an individual basis is a huge mistake," Taylor said.

Ward 2 council member James "Jim" Thriflley agreed that an enforcement crackdown is due. He said council should get recommendations from city employees who are in charge of utility collections, and "get more aggressive" in forcing a delinquency cleanup.

Ward 3 council member Tom Favre said council shouldn't forget that "Some people on the printout are very old and barely have enough to eat."

But the mayor said they'd only pose the least of the prob-

lem in town.

"Times are tight. We need to get caught up," Seal insisted.

Tight times also lie ahead with the Southern Regional Wastewater Authority, the mayor had told council earlier. The regional authority, which operates the area sewage treatment facility, is run by the mayors of Bay St. Louis, Waveland, and a member of the county Board of Supervisors.

Favre said under the terms of the contract among the three entities, Bay St. Louis has ended up paying far more proportionately to operate and maintain the facility, as well as to upgrade it.

Each of the three entities are billed an estimated share of the operating costs, based on how much sewage and wastewater flows into the treatment center from each. Since Bay St. Louis and Waveland's collection likes are old, often the sewage is highly diluted by infiltrated rainwater.

Favre said the new sewer collection lines that are being installed in the unincorporated areas are "supposedly airtight" and carry a highly concentrated volume of waste to be treated. It's not the volume that causes most of the plant's expense, he said, but the "biological load" of matters being treated.

Under a proposed new contract, billing would be based on the biological load factor, he said, greatly reducing costs to the two cities.

Meanwhile, the city of Bay St. Louis still carries capital improvement debt retirement burdens from as far back as the 1980's. He's hopeful the new entities which are to send sewage to the plant will be picking up some of that tab in the future.

"We've been paying the lion's share," said the mayor. "I expect our costs will come down" under the new contract.

With such costly items under consideration this week, the mayor and council members said there's simply no financial help it can offer to the Hancock County Humane Society. The society's leader, Susie Gorbach, said the volunteer group needs some help in

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its efforts to rescue abandoned animals, and to see to it that the animals are spayed or neutered.

Under terms of a 1990 will, the society was to receive \$25,000, but the money can only be spent for capital improvements - a land purchase or building construction.

Gorbach said the humane society doesn't want to compete with the Waveland Animal Shelter, but without some help and viable suggestions, the society will have to shut down its program.

The animal shelter doesn't provide spay and neutering services. Functioning out of Gorbach's home, the humane society works with local veterinarians to provide that service.

Gorbach said the society stands to lose the \$25,000 bequeath, "The Waveland Animal Shelter does not like us and are not willing to help us," she said.

Favre said if there's a lack of cooperation from the animal shelter that's a personality problem that can be resolved. And any policies the shelter has that need changing can be changed, he added. But he and council members said there's just no money in the city coffers to help launch construction and operation of a second facility.

"It's tough and times are bad right now," said the mayor. Gorbach agreed with the officials that launching a new facility program would be extremely difficult. "You're right. It would be a headache."

In other matters, council agreed to hire the accounting firm of Alexander, Van Loon, Sloan, Levens & Favre to conduct audits for fiscal years 2000 and 2001. Last year, the firm bought out the auditing practice of Moore & Powell. That firm, for years, had conducted the city's audits.

Jerry Levins told council his Gulfport firm is the largest on the coast, with 55 employees. He said when Moore & Powell decided to get out of governmental auditing, his firm "committed to get into it in a big way." He promised completion of the two audits by Sept. 30, 2002.

Sewer -- Salisbury

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defense of himself. He says that he still does not plan to hook up because he is disgusted with the sewer system in his neighborhood.

"I don't think it is even a sewer system," he said. "My septic tank doesn't leak, but the grinder pump leaks. They think they are only fooling with one person, but it not just me. Our group, the Voice of the People of Hancock County, has about 80 members and is growing."

"We know this is not the only person, but we have to seek out the worst offenders and go after them one by one," said Mississippi State Health Department Environmental Specialist Jim Weston.

Weston said he estimates between 200 and 300 households in the county who have access to sewer service

have not hooked up.

"And we have their names," Weston said. "And we are not going to drop this and you can tell them we are not going to drop it. If all 4000 customers in the county decided not to hook up you can imagine the problems we would have."

Weston said that an estimated 97 percent of creeks and rivers in the state are contaminated to some degree because of problems related to lack of proper sewage treatment due to malfunctioning septic systems.

"It's a very serious problem in Mississippi," he said. "Many common and many serious diseases can be related to improper sewage treatment causing contamination of waterways."

Salisbury says that he does not dispute the need

for a good sewer system in a wetlands area, but that it is his opinion, he said, the system in place is 100 percent worse than the septic tanks.

"We have a closed system here," said Hancock Water and Sewer board member Al Smith. "We live in a flood area and have a system that is different than in some urban areas. It is accepted by the DEQ and all the way down the line. Salisbury says that we have sewage in the ditches and that's not true."

Salisbury said he will meet with the Voice of the People to see how far they will carry the protest.

"I might as well let them put me in jail and spark a grand jury investigation," Salisbury said.

"I owe it to all the other people involved not to give up on this."

Coast Guard rescues boaters from Cat Island

A Coast Guard helicopter crew hoisted two boaters from Cat Island, south of Gulfport about 7:20 p.m. Sunday after their 14-foot boat capsized just offshore.

David Delery, 31, from Pass Christian and his 55-year-old father-in-law, Larry Douglas from Gretna, had gone on a fishing trip from Gulfport to Cat Island and were making their return trip when Delery's boat, the Miss Mary, capsized.

Delery and Douglas, both wearing lifejackets, reportedly stayed with the vessel for about four hours before they pulled it ashore.

A 41-foot utility boat from Station Gulfport diverted from training to search, but had to be replaced by a 26-foot small boat due to the shallow waters near Cat Island and nearby Ship Island.

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Pictured following the Mississippi Arts Fair for the Handicapped (MAFH) board meeting on the upcoming Arts Fair events are, from left, Senator Tommy Gollott (Biloxi), MAFH treasurer; Representative Frank Hamilton (Hurley), MAFH vice-president-elect and member of the MAFH Board of Directors; Representative Frances Fredericks (Gulfport), president of the MAFH; Dr. Pamela C. Baker (Long Beach), MAFH secretary and director of South Mississippi Regional Center; Representative J.P. Compreta (Bay St. Louis), member of the MAFH Board of Directors; and Dr. Randy Hendrix (Jackson), MAFH executive director and executive director of the Mississippi Department of Mental Health.

Mississippi Arts Fair for the Handicapped is June 18-20

The Mississippi Arts Fair for the Handicapped (MAFH), co-hosted by the City of Biloxi and the South Mississippi Regional Center, will be on Tuesday through Thursday, June 18-20, at the Mississippi Coast Convention Center in Biloxi.

Theme of the 26th annual statewide event will be "Mississippi Arts Fair for the Handicapped: Spirit of America: We the people."

Opening remarks and cer-

emonies for the MAFH are at the Mississippi Coast Convention Center, beginning with guest recognition and remarks at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, June 18, followed by opening ceremonies, including performance highlights by fair participants, beginning at 7 p.m.

For further information, contact Helene Roth, Public Relations, South Mississippi Regional Center at (228) 868-2923.

Supers -- mobile home ban upheld

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but also includes an area north of I-10 off Texas Flat Road, said Planning and Zoning Official Willie Gavney. Residents wanting to place mobile homes on property in R-2 areas will now have to apply for a special exception permit, Gavney said.

Residents who already have mobile homes on their property will be permitted to keep their homes and upgrade them. A few people attended the meeting when the decision was handed down, but no one offered any comment.

The motion also eliminated conditional use for mobile home parks in areas zoned R-2A, as well as a change to conditional use for mobile home parks in areas zoned C-1 and R-3. In areas zoned C-2 mobile home parks were changed from conditional use to use by right.

The debate has been raging since January 2001 when some supervisors requested that the county look into the possibility of banning mobile homes in certain areas. The supervisors said they were getting almost daily complaints about deteriorating and unkept trailers ruining the

looks of neighborhoods and depreciating property values.

Proponents said that many families cannot afford traditional housing and that manufactured homes built to HUD standards do not hurt the value of traditional homes.

In other business: A public hearing was held to appeal a decision by the Planning and Zoning Commission to deny a conditional use request by Mark Chrisman and Curt Achee to re-open a motocross practice track off Deerwood Road in Kiln. Commissioners voted 3-1 to deny the request in a March meeting.

The track, which had been operating without a permit for about two months previous to the denial, was closed by commissioners when neighbors began to complain about the noise. Commissioners told the owners that they must apply for a conditional use permit to install a power pole, build bathrooms and make other improvements.

Proponents of the track, almost all of whom listed their addresses as being in Gulfport, Biloxi, Picayune and almost anywhere

except the Kiln area, said that the sport was family oriented, good, clean fun.

"This gives my kids a place where they can go and ride in relative safety," said William Sutton of Pearlington. "This is an activity that builds character."

"In all due respect to our neighbors we are not trying to disrupt the neighborhood," said developer Mark Chrisman, of Gulfport. Chrisman said he hopes to have 100 bikes a day at the track.

Many other advocates of All Terrain Vehicles and motorcycle riding spoke out on the high points of the sport, including an ATV dealer from Biloxi, who said the track would be good for her business and could be a training track for future athletes.

Several residents of the immediate neighborhood came out to protest the track, which they said created traffic and noise in their quiet neighborhood.

Tammy Seymour invited supervisors to visit her house and listen to the cycles, which she said are in operation for eight or more hours a day. Even though the track is closed Seymour

said someone was riding all day Saturday until Sunday evening at about 9 p.m.

"I wanted a quiet area to raise my kids," said Seymour.

"When they get tired of the noise they can leave and go back to their quiet houses," said Hardy Williams, also of Kiln.

"When I go out on my steps I can see them jump ... I can't even have a barbecue," said Deane Necaise. "I have three air conditioners and still can't sit and watch TV because of the noise."

Another family, the Jamborelos, said they would have no choice but to move if the track re-opens. "If the bikes stay, we will have to go," said George Jamborelo Sr.

Supervisors tabled the matter until their June 3 meeting, when they said they will make a decision on the track. Supervisor Rocky Pullman said they would visit the track and the surrounding homes to find out for themselves how the problem should be resolved.

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Rickey's Bar and Grill serves everything from steaks, pasta dishes, po-boys, and of course, seafood. Chef Rickey doesn't want his patrons to leave hungry and that is evident in the size of the portions. For example, the Swamp Burger Deluxe, (you'll need to cut this one in half just to lift it!) is a full ten ounces of deliciously lean ground beef served fully dressed on a sesame seeded bun with fries! If you dare try topping it with bacon, monterey jack, cheddar or swiss cheese, or sauteed mushrooms or onions. Truly, not for the tiny appetite!

Speaking of tiny appetites, Rickey's is family oriented. Kids have their own section on the menu and each child is given a little stuffed toy - a dolphin, naturally.

A very popular item on the newly revised menu is country fried gator strips. This unique appetizer is fresh gator meat lightly fried and served with a tangy remoulade sauce. While we're on the subject of remoulade - Rickey's has the best, shrimp remoulade. You won't believe the size of the portion, it's a meal in itself.

Rickey's steaks are melt in your mouth delicious, chargrilled to perfection, and topped with Rickey's own brown butter garlic (you won't find a better steak anywhere!).

If pasta suits your fancy try the Pasta Calina. This is a favorite at Rickey's - the sauce is his grandmother's own red gravy recipe. Tender, delicious meatballs slow simmered in "the sauce" with buttered angelhair pasta and topped with crispy fried eggplant and dusted with parmesan reggiano.

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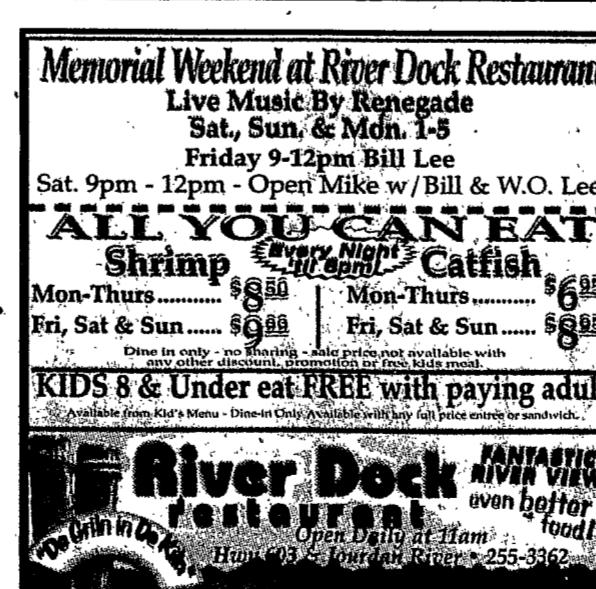
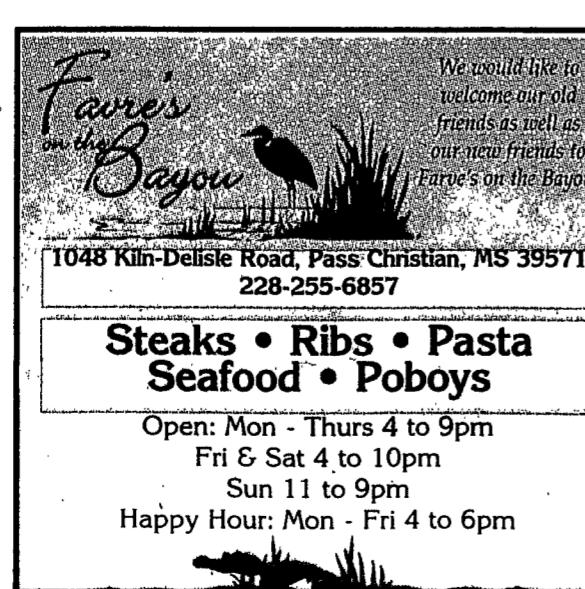
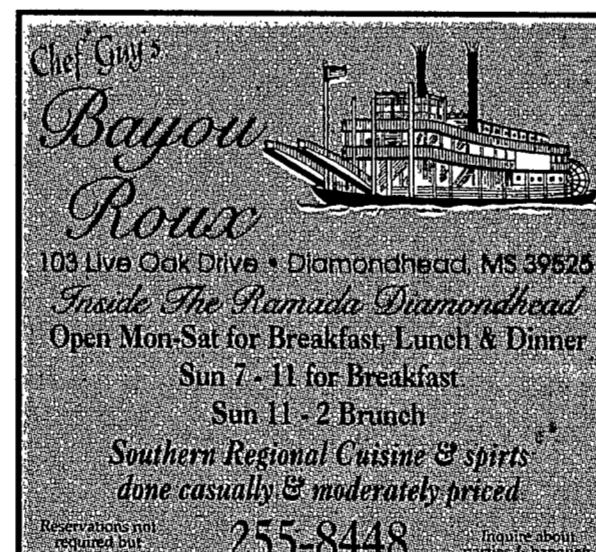
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Arabesque Dance Team goes to Disney World

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Going on-line for PRCC

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The students were PRCC instructors who stayed on campus to take a course, arranged by Tech Prep Coordinator, Elaine Smith, about on-line computer courses.

The course, taught by Rhonda Yates from the Mississippi Department of Education Office of Educational Technology, teaches instructors how to create on-line computer courses using the software platform "Blackboard."

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LDS Young Women's Aux. sponsors car wash

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May 25, from 8 a.m. to noon, in the chapel parking lot at Nicholson Ave. and McLaurin.

Proceeds will benefit the church girls' camp.

June 1 ceremony to honor MS victims of terrorists

Mississippians are invited to Durant, Miss. Saturday, June 1 for the unveiling ceremony of a monument dedicated in memory of Lt. Col. Jerry Don "D.D." Dickerson and James "Joe" Ferguson.

Both were killed on Sept. 11 during terrorists' attacks on the United States. The ceremony gets underway at 11 a.m. at a newly created "Liberty Garden" on North West Depot Street.

"It seems that some of the best things that ever happen are the result of a tragedy," said Saranell Dickerson, stepmother of Dickerson, who was 41 at the time of his death.

"Sometimes when hospitals are built it is the result of the death of a child. Our Liberty Garden where the monument is being placed was created to keep alive the memory of these boys who were innocent victims of terrorists."

Ferguson, 39, was aboard the hijacked American Airline Flight 77 that crashed into the Pentagon in Washington, D.C., where Dickerson, a systems analyst, was working.

"I want this garden to reflect the beauty of their lives," Dickerson added.

Both Ferguson and Dickerson graduated from Durant High School. "They were good men and it's only right that they be remembered by the town where they grew up," said Mayor Eddie Logan.

Barbara Dorr of Keep MS Beautiful/People Against Litter carried the message about building the Liberty Garden to Durant as part of the nationwide efforts of Keep America Beautiful, Inc.

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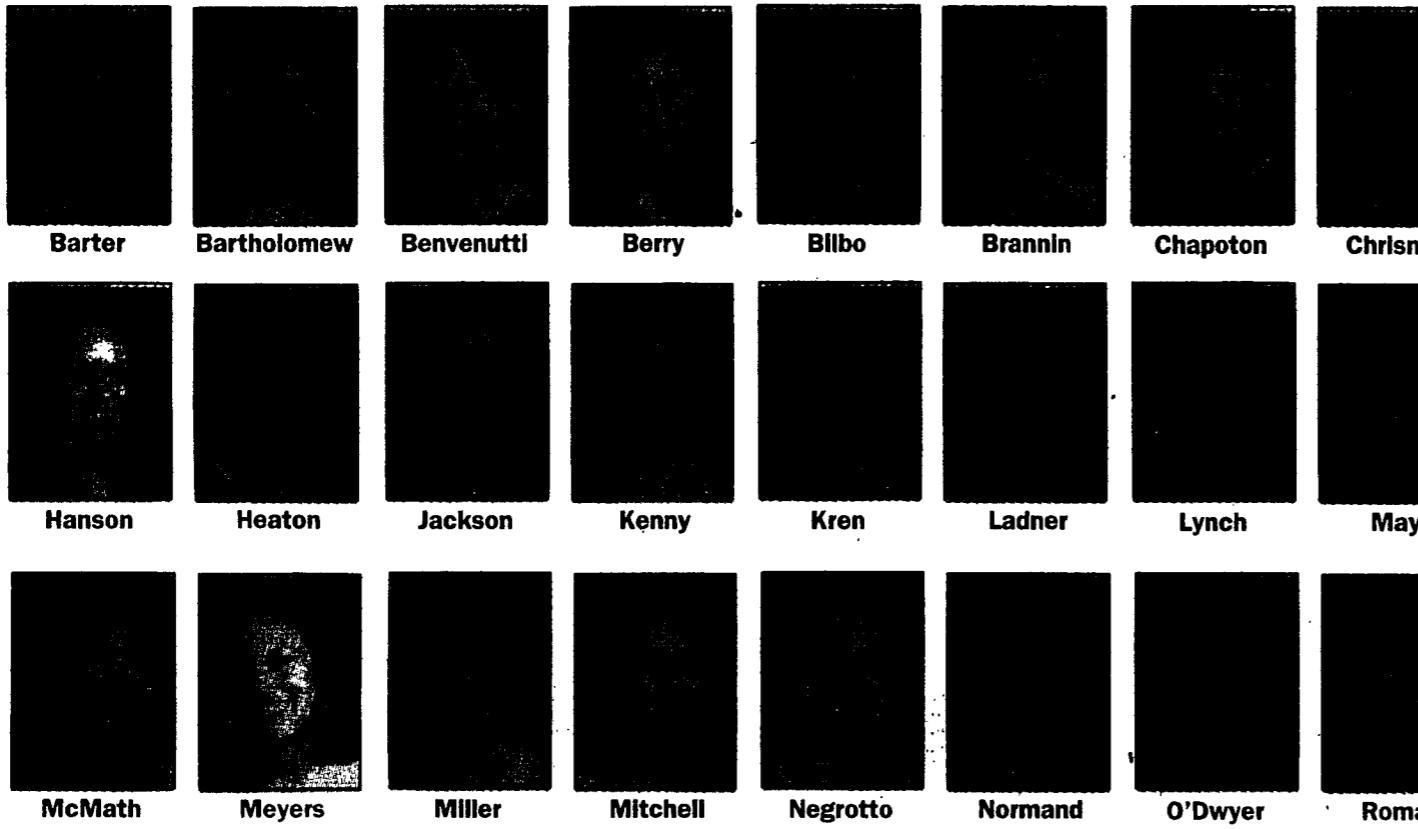
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Our Lady Academy will graduate 29 seniors at a Eucharistic Liturgy on May 25 at 11 a.m. in Our Lady of the Gulf Catholic Church in Bay St. Louis.

Most Reverend Thomas J. Rodi, Bishop of the Diocese of Biloxi, will be the chief celebrant, assisted by priests and other priests from the area Catholic parishes.

Erica Leigh Benvenuti, daughter of Dr. Judith and Keith Benvenuti of Long Beach, will deliver the valedictory address. Colleen Flaherty Bartholomew, daughter of Mary and Joseph Bartholomew of Waveland, will be salutatorian. During the 28th Commencement Exercises for Our Lady Academy, the conferring of diplomas will

occur after the celebration of the Eucharist. Sister M. Donella Hartman, principal, will assist Bishop Rodi with the diplomas.

Members of the 2002 Senior Class of Our Lady Academy to receive diplomas are:

Sheila Barter, Colleen Bartholomew, Erica Benvenuti, Roseanna Berry, Jessica Bilbo, Anna Brannin, Melissa Chapoton, Ashley Chrisman, Gretchen Hanson, Jamie Heaton, Lacey Jackson, Michelle Kenny, Adrienne Kren, Ellen Ladner, Maureen Lynch, Jennifer Mays, Alison McMath, Emily Williams

During the graduation ceremony, the following graduates will wear blue stoles with their white caps and gowns, signifying membership in the National Honor Society: Sheila Barter, Colleen Bartholomew, Erica Benvenuti, Anna Brannin, Melissa Chapoton, Michelle Kenny, Adrienne Kren, Renee Romain, Emilie

Scianna, and Kathryn Warren. At the end of the Commencement Exercises, the 2002 recipients of the following awards will be announced: the OLA Achievement Award, the American Legion Award, the Chamber of Commerce Award; the Principal's Cup, and the Mary Patricia Schmidt Character Cup.

Members of the Class of 2002 were inducted into the OLA Alumnae Association and received academic awards at an evening ceremony in the OLG Community Center on May 9. Athletic recognition for seniors was awarded at a school assembly on May 17.

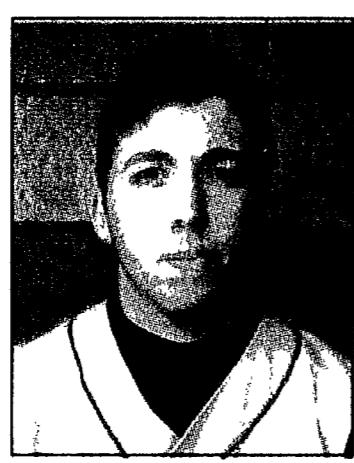
St. Stanislaus senior selected to play in All-Star Baseball Classic

Saint Stanislaus senior Justin Lowery was selected to play in the South Mississippi All-Star Baseball Classic May 19, according to Brother Ronald Hingle, SC, principal.

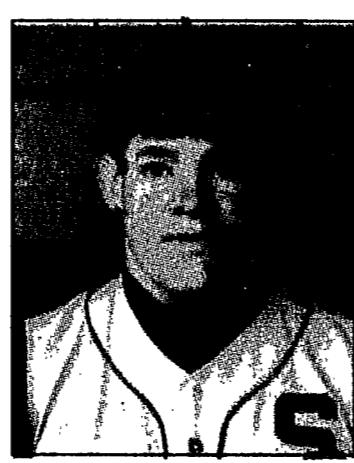
The game featured high school senior baseball athletes from the east and west.

Lowery, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Lowery of Baton Rouge, is a member of the St. Stanislaus baseball team.

Coach Will Seymour was also selected to coach the west team of the game.



Justin Lowery



Will Seymour
coach and the head junior high football coach.

St. Stanislaus senior awards, valedictorian and salutatorian of 2002 have not yet been announced. Look for those honors in a later edition of The Sea Coast Echo.

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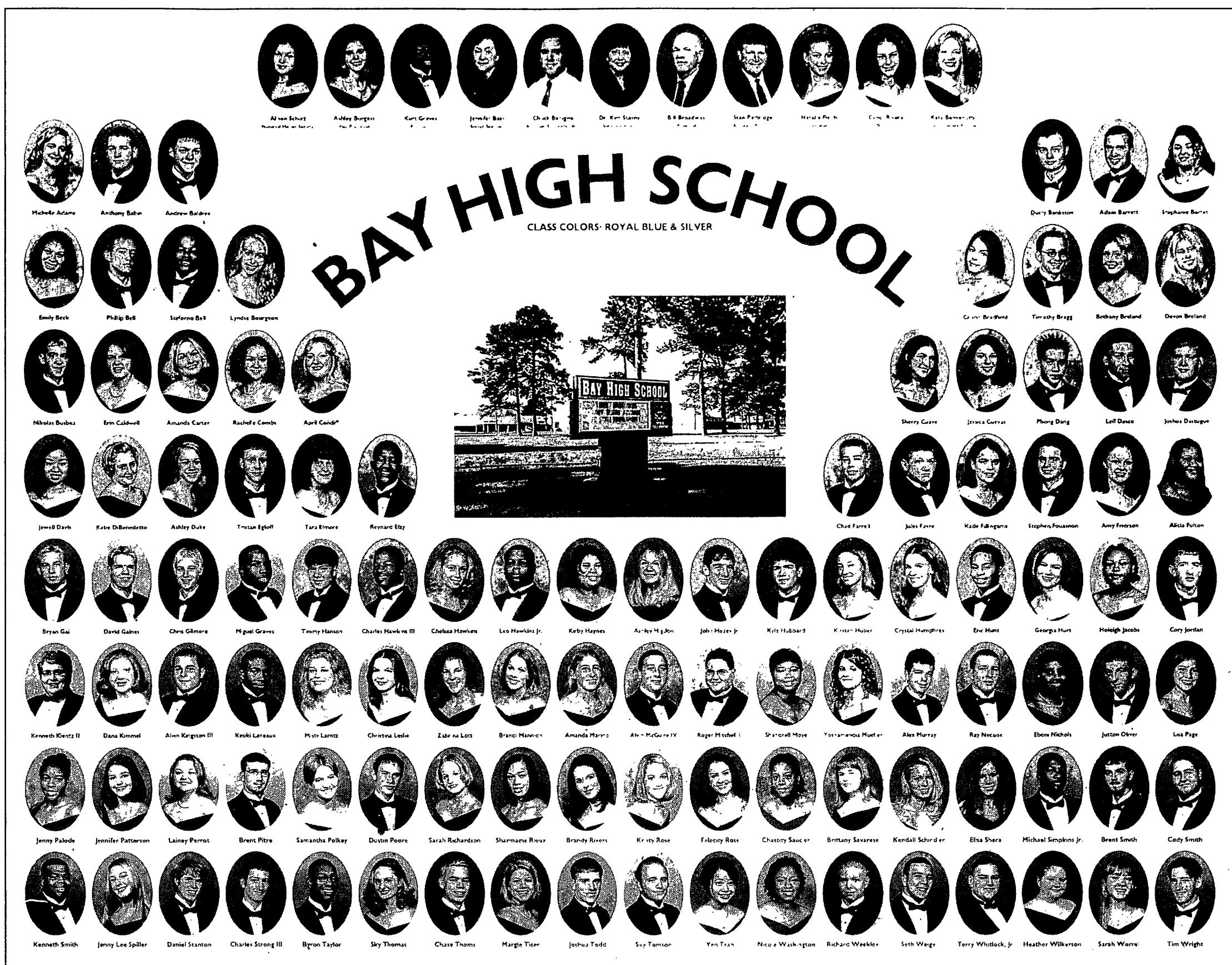
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Army ROTC Scholar
Ashley LaNecaise;
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Simon Jr., was a doctor of the Louisiana Health Sciences Center, a spring community member of the University Lakefront and the Dr. Murphy of St. Louis, Millsaps College, was graduated in July.

He will be in anesthesiology at the University Medical Center in July. He is the Mrs. S. W. St. Louis.

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Pass High School seniors presented awards in ceremony

The following awards and scholarships were presented on Senior Awards Night at Pass High School earlier this month:

Army Reserve National Scholar Athlete Award, Ashley Ladner and Craig Necaise; Marine Corps Scholastic Excellence Award, Daniel Necaise; Principal's Leadership Award, Shara Conway; Pass Christian Rotary Club Student Scholarship, Demetria Saucier

Blessing of the Fleet, Tabitha Epperson; Gulfport Junior Auxiliary, Elizabeth Burke, Tabitha Epperson, Jessica Jones; Pass Christian Volunteer Firefighters, Melissa Russell; Pass Christian High School Student Council, Dawn Rhodes

Gulfport Little Theater, Jessica Necaise; William Kalif Business Education Award, Brendella Fields; Lee Dell & Willie Mae

Terrell Scholarship, Hope Smith; Fellowship of Christian Athletes Scholarship, Tabitha Epperson; Miriam Scarborough PEO, Tabitha Epperson; Seventeen Ladies Social Club, Amanda Alexander; H. P. Singleton

Scholarship, Nhung Hoang, Melissa Russell, Craig Necaise

Friends of Pass Christian Retired Teachers Association, Tyra Terrell, Bianca Frederick

Pass Christian High School Alumni Association,

Craig Necaise, Melissa Russell

Pass Christian Chamber of Commerce, Terrell Bang, Tabitha Epperson

Trinity Episcopal Church Student Scholarship,

Tabitha Epperson Blue Ribbon Awards, Elizabeth Burke, Stephanie Bradley, Goodwill Missionary Baptist Church, Kelvin Woods, Dawn Rhodes

BPOE Elks Lodge 9978, Daniel Necaise, Jessika Jones

Susan Buckner Commemorative Scholarship, Ashley Dedeaux, Tabitha Epperson

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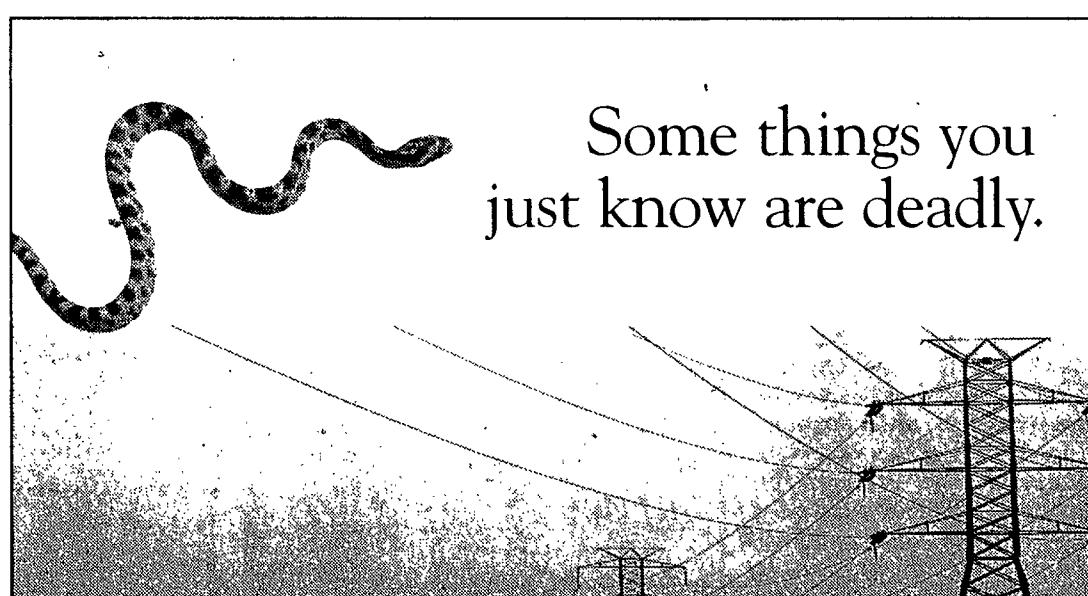
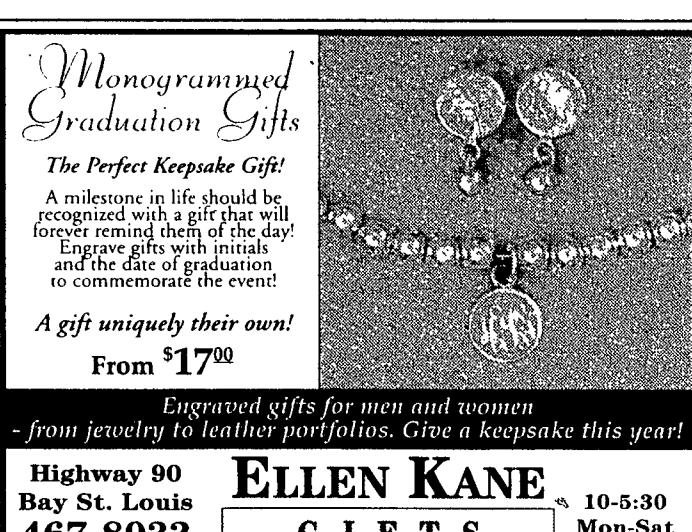
Simon Wayne Murphy, Jr., was awarded the degree of doctor of medicine at the Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center spring commencement ceremony May 18 at the University of New Orleans Lakefront Arena.

Dr. Murphy is a graduate of St. Stanislaus and Millsaps College where he was graduated summa cum laude.

He will begin a residency in anesthesiology at the University of Mississippi Medical Center in Jackson in July.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Murphy of Bay St. Louis.

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USM Scholarships: Alison Schulz, Dusty Bankston, Felicity Ross and Brandy Rivers

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USM Scholarship: Andrew Baldree, Natalie Fields and Felicity Ross

National Merit Semifinalist Award: Ashley Burgess

American Legion Post 77 Auxiliary Scholarship: Jennifer Patterson

Grand Lodge of Mississippi Free and Accepted Mason Scholarship: Alison Schulz

Education Services Foundation Scholarship: Andrew Baldree

American Legion Auxiliary Post 139 Scholarship: Dana Kimmel

Orange Grove Carnival Association Scholarship: Natalie Fields

Southwest Community College Scholarship: Tim Wright

Knights of Peter Claver Scholarship: Ebomi Nichols

Army National Scholar/Athlete Award: Felicity Ross and Adam Barrett

Hancock County Chamber of Commerce Outstanding Student Award: Andrew Baldree

Star Student Certificate: Felicity Ross

Star Teacher Certificate:

Teacher Lady Bruce Heff Jones Principal's Leadership Award: Kurt Graves

Academic Fitness Awards (80th percentile on SAT): Alison Schulz, Ashley Burgess, Felicity Ross, Marjorie Ticer, Adam Barrett, Dusty Bankston, Andrew Baldree, Daniel Stanton, Dustin Poore, Kurt Graves, Timothy Wright, Miguel Graves, Natalie Fields, John Hozey and Phillip Bell

Extraordinary Effort Award: Nicole Washington, Lisa Page, Charles Strong, Amy Frierson, Chelsea Hawkins, Stephen Fouasnor, Brandi Mannion, Sky Thomas, Katy Benvenutti, Amanda Carter, Chad Farrell, Tara Elmore, Cody Smith and Kyle Hubbard

Scholarship/Awards:

Alison Schulz, Academic Excellence Scholarship to Salem College, Gulfport Kiwanis Student of the Month, Exchange Club Student of the Month

Ashley Burgess, Academic Scholarship to University of South Alabama to Belhaven College and Mississippi University for Women; Presidential Scholarship to Mary Baldwin College, National Merit Semifinalist Scholarship to Mary Baldwin College and Academic Excellence Scholarship to Mary Baldwin College

Felicity Ross, Academic Scholarship to University of South Alabama and to

Loyola University Marjorie Ticer, Academic Scholarship to University of South Alabama and to Loyola University

Adam Barrett, Chancellor's Scholarship to Louisiana State University

Dustin Bankston, Emily de Montluzin Scholarship

Andrew Baldree, Academic Scholarship to Mississippi State University

Daniel Stanton, Academic Scholarship to Mississippi State University

Phillip Bell, Academic Scholarship to University of Mississippi State University

Nicole Washington, Academic Scholarship to Xavier University

Dustin Power, Academic Scholarship to University of South Alabama

Kurt Graves, Academic Scholarship to Howard University, Exchange Student of the Month

Miguel Graves, Academic Scholarship to Howard University and Xavier University

Katy Benvenutti, Academic Scholarship to Millsaps College

April Condiff, Choral Scholarship to William Carey College

Natalie Fields, Trustee Scholarship to Randolph-Macon Woman's College, Academic Scholarship to Rhodes College, Rollins College and Denison University; Honors College and St. Clare Scholarship to Quincy University, Academic and Community Enrichment Scholarship to Cornell College, Academic Scholarship to Chestnut

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Hill College, Faculty Merit and Stetson Scholarship to Stetson University, Academic Scholarship to Oglethorpe University, Presidential Scholarship to Jackson State University and Academic Scholarship to Mississippi State University

John Hozey, Academic Scholarship to Louisiana State University

Cody Smith, Band Scholarship to Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College

The following awards were presented to students who have contributed the most in these areas:

Andrew Baldree, Band; April Condiff, Chorus; Katie Fillingame, Female Athlete; Adam Barrett, Male Athlete; Natalie Fields, Drama; Jennifer Patterson, DECA; Alvin Kingston, Coop II; Kenneth Keintz, Vo-Tech (Auto Mechanics); Christina Leslie, JROTC; Tristan Egloff, Art; Kendall Schindler, Dance; Katie Fillingame, Yearbook; Elena Stawschenko, Newspaper; Alison Schulz, Spanish; Ashley Burgess, French and AP English; Felicity Ross, English and Mathematics; Andrew Baldree, Social Studies and Science

Principal Award: Katie Fillingame and Byron Taylor

Hall of Fame Award: Andrew Baldree and Adam Barrett

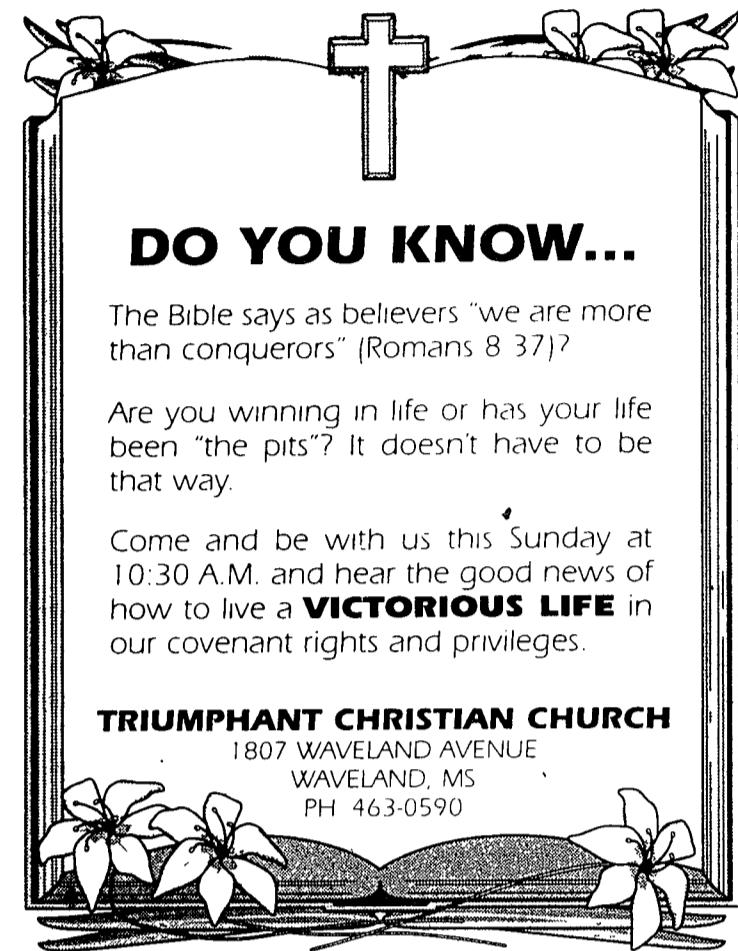
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High School Star Student for her outstanding score on the ACT.

Additionally, Sarnowska is a National Merit Finalist and was selected to the Hancock High School Hall of Fame. She plans to attend Mississippi State University where she will pursue a double major in computer science and mathematics.

Selected as the class salutatorian is Matthew Kyle Ladner. He is the son of Mike and Gail Ladner of Necessity Crossing. Ladner is the vice president of the Senior Class, vice president

of Mu Alpha Theta, and treasurer of the Student Council.

He is also a member of the National Beta Club, National Honor Society, National Art Honor Society, and Fellowship of Christian Athletes.

He was selected to the Hancock High School Hall of Fame, the All Division 5A Basketball Conference, and Kiwanis Leadership Conference.

Ladner was Hancock County's National Exchange Club Student of the Month, placed third in the State Beta Mathematics Competition, and is listed in Who's Who Among American High School

Students. He is a four-year letterman on the varsity boys basketball team. Ladner has maintained a GPA of 4.0 during his four years at Hancock, plans to attend Pearl River Community College in the fall and then later attend Mississippi State University where he will pursue a double major in electrical engineering and mathematics with a minor in physics.

Sarnowska and Ladner will present their commencement addresses Saturday, May 25 at Hancock High School Hawk Stadium during the graduation ceremonies that begin at 7 p.m.



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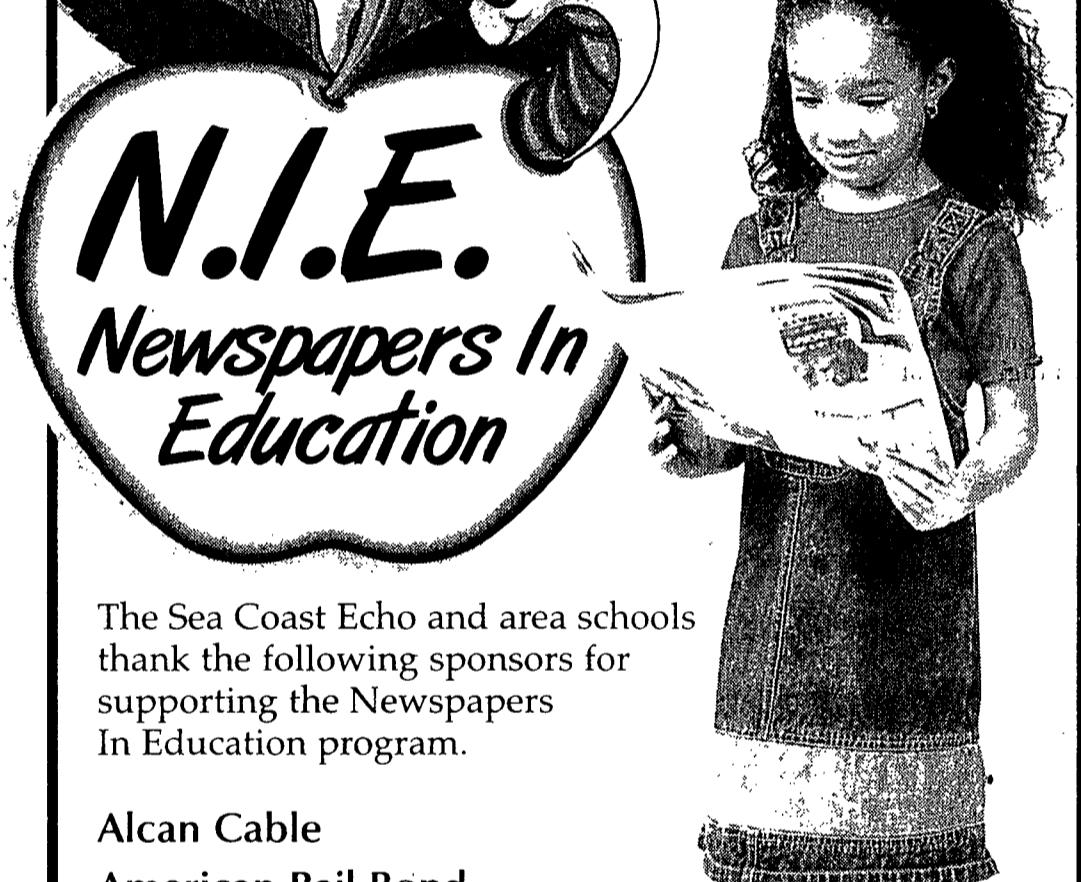
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OLA -- Valedictorian/Salutatorian

an Academic Award for English IV, U.S. Government, and Molecular Biology and a certificate for earning between 40-99 hours of service.

She also received a Presidential Education Award for maintaining a 3.5 or higher GPA and scoring in the 85% or higher on the SAT or ACT standardized tests scores.

In the summer of 2001, Benvenutti was selected as one of 18 Mississippi students for the Rural Medical Scholar Program at Mississippi State University.

This experience involved living in a college dorm for six weeks, participating in shadowing different physicians, interacting with medical students from the University Medical Center, and completing two college courses: Zoology (lecture and lab) and College Algebra. She completed the courses with a GPA of 4.0 and college credit.

In her junior year, Benvenutti was Prom chairperson and a member of the yearbook staff. Earlier, she received a 10-year Achievement Award in dance at the Diane Desporte Dance Academy and a St. Stanislaus College Band Director's Award for best all-around musician/band member. She was also awarded a Presidential Academic Award in her ninth, 10th, and 12th grades.

Benvenutti plans to attend the University of South Alabama in Mobile and major in pre-med. Then she plans to attend graduate school and become a physician and surgeon.

She also has an interest in politics and law. She hopes to work for health care reform and be involved in innovative medical research on the pathophysiology and cure of genetically fatal diseases.

Salutatorian

Colleen Bartholomew, daughter of Mary and

Joseph Bartholomew of Waveland, is an Alpha Honor Roll student, member of the National Honor Society, and a past president of the National Junior Honor Society. She received the Pepsi Student of the Month Award from her class in her freshman, sophomore, and senior years.

Bartholomew served as president of the OLA delegation to the Mississippi Youth Legislature from 2000-2002. In the fall of 2001, she was appointed Assistant Secretary to the Senate.

In 2000, she received the "Outstanding Statesman" Award, the highest award given at Youth Legislature for good debate, courtesy, and knowledge of legislative procedure.

In the spring of 1999, she received an Outstanding Chairperson Award for being the best chairperson at the Junior Youth Legislature Conference.

Bartholomew is president of SADD (Students Against Destructive Decisions), and was second vice-president in her junior year.

She is also a member of the student newspaper. She is a former member of the SSC/OLA Drama Club and performed in several plays at the Bay St. Louis Little Theatre.

She was 2nd vice president of her junior class and vice-president in her sophomore year.

Service-oriented, Bartholomew is a member of the Student Ministry/Retreat Team, the Campus Ministry Council, and the WOLA News/Prayer Team.

As a two-year member

and co-chairperson of the Retreat Team, she plans and leads retreats for OLA's seventh and eighth grade students and the sixth grade students of three Catholic elementary schools.

As a Senior Class representative to the Campus Ministry Council, she helps to plan both prayer services and service projects for the student body.

As a member of the WOLA News/Prayer Team, she leads the school in Morning Prayer and the Salute to the Flag and makes announcements over in-house TV.

Outside of school she participates in OLA's Christian Service Experience Program, a non-credit course of volunteer service in a local community agency during the school day, and she assists teachers in an elementary school.

As a member of St. Clare's Parish in Waveland, she inaugurated a youth group during the past year, and she plans lessons and teaches children religion every Sunday.

At Senior Awards Night, Bartholomew received the Economics Achievement Award, the Presidential Education Award, a pin for 100+ hours of service, and numerous certificates for her participation in clubs and organizations.

Bartholomew belongs to Our Lady of the Gulf Catholic Church Youth Organization and participates in their service projects, including beach cleanups, bi-weekly visits to Dunbar Village Nursing Home, and Halloween parties for a pediatric cancer support group. Last sum-

mer, she made a mission trip to Saltillo, Mexico, with other youth of the Catholic Diocese of Biloxi.

Last summer she attended a week-long conference at Mississippi Girls State, where she received an "Outstanding Citizen" Award for the work done in her city. For two years, she was a member of The Sun Herald Teen Board.

Bartholomew plans to attend Spring Hill College in Mobile. She is undecided about her major.

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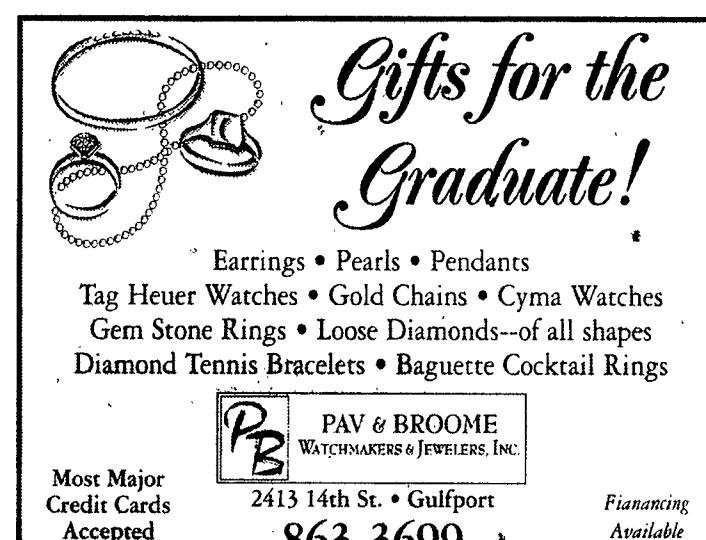
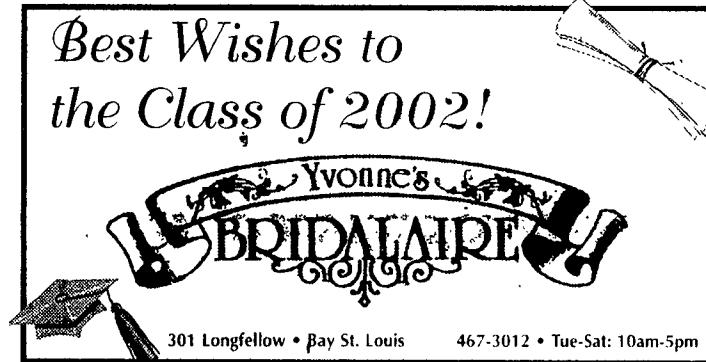
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SPORTS

A successful sports year in Hancock

BY JOSEPH W. GEX II
Staff Writer

The old saying goes, "If you have a horse, ride him." Well, this past school year that is exactly what the area schools of Hancock County did. These athletes enjoyed a very productive year in extracurricular activities. For those of you who missed it, here is a quick recap!

First off, the Hancock Hawks faced a challenge that they did not know much about - Class 5A. It was an opponent that the Hawks were not scared of but unsure of how to attack. Well, Hancock quickly found a way to attack the new classification and they prospered. Hawks athletic director Rocky Gaudin stated, "I think that our kids held their own very well in this new classification. We were not scared of the new alignment but just unsure of what to expect from it. We started the year off well with a strong showing in football and swimming. We continued that success with our winter sports such as basketball and soccer. In the spring, we continued our best efforts with softball, baseball, golf, tennis, and track. The games that we did lose, we were very much in the ball game. As a staff, we were very pleased with our showing. Next year, we will enter the year knowing what to expect."

Hancock started their year off with a strong showing against 5A schools in football and posted a 7-4 winning campaign. Swimming made some serious waves at the state swim meet in late October.

Boys basketball hit the court and kept the ball rolling with their first winning season since 1994 with a 16-15 record. The Hawks were just points away from being 21-9 on the season after losing some heartbreakers in the waning seconds. The girls basketball team continued their dominance on the hardwood with a division title, a South State runner-up finish, and trip to the "Big House" for the state tournament.

Soccer made huge strides on the field against the 5A competition, as did golf,

powerlifting, and track. Girls softball found their way into the state playoffs while tennis produced a division champion in girls singles. Baseball pounded out the hits against some larger competition and were in several games till the last at-bat.

To say the least, Hancock had a strong showing on all courts and fields. The future looks bright as several of the young athletes will return next season.

The same holds true for Our Lady Academy. The Crescents competed in eight sports and won division titles in five of them. OLA started their year out with a division title in volleyball and continued the momentum all the way to the third game of the state title match against 5A Tupelo. The Crescents, a 2A school, finished the year as state runner-up in a sport that does not classify schools.

Swimming had one of the best years in school history with a strong Top 15 showing at the state meet and several new school records set. Cross Country placed third in the state meet where they have become accustomed to competing for the title each year.

Basketball cranked up for OLA next in their brand new gymnasium. The Crescents showed marked improvement on the hardwood and will return several key starters from this year's team. Soccer continued their dominance with their third consecutive state title along with division and South State titles.

Tennis and track are the spring sports where OLA thrives. Tennis and track both produced a division title and strong showings in the state meets. The girls doubles team advanced to the state semi-finals while the track team finished fourth in the state.

St. Stanislaus found success early and often throughout the school year. While football produced just two wins, there is a sense of anticipation for what the future holds. Youth abounds on the SSC gridiron and will get better with experience. The cross country team placed fourth in

the state meet in Clinton in the fall and were division champions.

The swim team placed in the top three at the South State meet and finished in the top 10 at the state meet in late October.

Basketball was the next hot ticket for an SSC trip to Jackson. After a stellar regular season and a division title, the Rocks placed third in the South State tournament and earned a bid to the state title game in Jackson before losing to Provine in the waning moments of the contest.

Tennis placed second in the division and had a strong showing in the state tournament while girls softball made great cuts at the ball. The track program received some solid individual performances during the spring with one runner advancing to the South State meet.

The Rock soccer team claimed their eighth division title in 2002. They later claimed the South State title and played in the state title game before bowing to Pearl.

The golf team experienced some growing pains with their young line-up but had a strong third place finish in the division tournament. The tennis team racked up another division title and placed fourth overall in the state meet in Jackson.

Baseball recorded some quality wins en route to solid season after graduation depleted the lineup. Once again though, youth abounds on the diamond for SSC. Track saw their unprecedented division title streak come to end as they placed a close second behind D'Iberville. However, a third place in regional and fourth in South State led to a top 10 finish in Jackson with five medals being brought back to Bay St. Louis.

At Bay High school success was to be found, as well. In football, the Tigers ran into the playoffs with a fourth place finish in the division and also earned a spot in the 62nd annual Shrimp Bowl. The Tigers finished their most successful season since the early 1990s with a 7-5 record.

In soccer, the Lady Tigers advanced to the first round of the state playoffs while the boys team made huge strides and added drama to the division race.

Basketball became the buzz at Bay High. The boys basketball team enjoyed a renewed sense of accomplishment in a new system. The girls team always seemed to find a way to win. Without a senior in the starting lineup, the Lady Tigers won the division, finished third in the South State tournament and advanced to the state title game in Jackson before losing to Provine in the waning moments of the contest.

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While the Hancock County area schools made some noise, the Pirates of Pass Christian were letting out their yells of their own. In football, Pass Christian finished as division runner-up and advanced to the state playoffs for the first time since the 1940s.

Basketball provided some very exciting moments during the hardwood season. The Pirates stormed through the regular season en route to a semi-final appearance in the division tournament. The girls team continued to show progress throughout the season and will have many key players returning in 2003.

The golf team advanced to the state tournament in 2002 while the track team had several runners advance to the South State meet.

As they say, "You don't know what you've got till it's gone." While this high school year is complete, there is a bright future ahead for athletics in the area. Several young players will return to lead their respective teams next season. If you missed your teams this season, don't miss the next. See you at the game!

SSC thinclads receive awards

BY JOSEPH W. GEX II
Staff Writer

The St. Stanislaus Rock-a-chaw track and field team was honored by the school on Friday for its accomplishments during the 2002 season.

Certificates of participation were presented to Sean Anderson, Brandon Butler, Ben Davis, and Don Haller.

Matt Hudgens, Sam Perry, Ben Rader, Brad Reinhart, Taylor Spinosa, Chris Tran, Ricardo Villareal, Grant West, and Chaz Singleton all received certificates of participation and academic excellence awards. The academic excellence awards were presented to those athletes that achieved a 3.0 GPA during the season of their sport.

The Most Improved Award for junior high track

was presented to Brad Reinhart for his accomplishments in the 1600m. The Most Valuable Award was merited by Ben Rader and Chris Tran.

Certificates of participation for junior varsity and varsity track were given to Michael Leonard and Jay Spell. Will Boxx, Troy Johnston, Phillip Oh, Josh Robinson, and Trey Treutel all earned certificates of participation and academic excellence. Varsity letters were earned by Jeremy Burke, Nick Cotter, Morgan Hammatt, Sam Hudgens, Allen Leone, John Logarbo, Logan Walker, and Nick Weinmann. In addition to their varsity letter, Brent Acker, Uchenna Adua, Beau Brodtmann, Brian Butler, Kody Cannon, Jake Johnson, Kyle Lewis,

Frederick Mallini, Brice Monu, Cheick Sanankoua, and Aaron White all earned academic excellence awards.

The Most Improved Track Award was merited by freshman Sam Hudgens. The Most Improved Field Award was given to sophomore Nick Cotter. The Most Valuable Field Award was won by junior Frederick Mallini. The Most Valuable Track Award was given to Kyle Lewis. The Mr. Rock-a-chaw Award was presented to seniors Brian Butler and Cheick Sanankoua.

A special record breaker award was given to the 1600m relay team of Walker, Acker, Butler, and Sanankoua for setting a new school record while claiming the bronze medal at the state track meet on May 10.

The cost of the camp is \$30. Campers are encouraged to bring a snack.

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State champs

The Biloxi Xpress U13 boys select soccer team won the 2002 Snicker's Cup State Championship last Sunday at Tatum Park in Hattiesburg beating Clinton 1-0. Forward Stephen Peresich scored the game's only goal on a left footed shot just inside the post off a pass from forward Kyle Duffy. Goalkeeper John Hadden, of Bay St. Louis, made several key saves to preserve the shutout. The 2002 State Championship Team includes Jeron Casey, bottom row at left, Stephen Peresich, Kyle Duffy, Byron Cooley, Scott Allinder; middle row, Aaron Rasmussen, Justin Webb, Chris Branson, John Hadden, Brit Ireland; top row, assistant manager Craig Bounds, manager Dan Duffy, Jonah Fryfogel, Sean Brauchle, Cory Carlson, Jon Martel, Conley Bounds, coach Doug Stovall, manager Stephen Peresich. Not pictured is coach Donevin Esterhuzen.

Wildcats headed to World Series

Pearl River Community College is headed for the week-long NJCAA Division II World Series in Millington, Tenn., this weekend after taking the 2002 Central District "Super Regionals" Tournament championship Saturday at Saint Catharine College.

PRCC recorded back-to-back victories over St. Louis-Forest Park to claim the title and improve to 41-11. The Wildcats pushed the Highlanders into the loser's bracket with Thursday's 8-6 win, then dropped the Region XVI champs 2-1 on Saturday for the World Series berth.

Saint Catharine's Region VII champ Patriots fell to Forest Park 11-2 to open the tournament on Thursday, then ended its season with a 10-9 loss to the Highlanders on Saturday after rain postponed Friday's action.

"This is what we've been working toward all season long," said first-year PRCC head coach Jay Artigues, who was hired last spring after a successful tenure at Bossier Parish Community College in Bossier City, La. "Our guys have practiced and played hard and all the hard work is paying off. I couldn't be prouder of them. They deserve what they've worked for."

The Wildcats struggled to grab the district title. Pearl River went up 1-0 in the bottom of the fifth, but the Highlanders answered with a solo run of their own in the top of the fifth to tie it up. Wildcat starter Chris Thompson of Mobile got out of the jam thanks to snazzy play by PRCC's defensive unit which pulled off a double play to thwart the threat.

The bottom of the seventh proved to be the difference. PRCC's Jabrell Cook of Hattiesburg High cracked a one-out double, then scored the winning run off a single by Jake Smith of Picayune High.

Forest Park didn't roll over and quickly threatened in the top of the eighth when Thompson exited the game for reliever Josh O'Flynn who walked the first batter he faced. The Petal sophomore followed with back-to-back strike-

outs, then Josh Davis singled and Kevin Wilke grounded out leaving two base runners stranded.

PRCC went three up, three down in the bottom of the eighth, then O'Flynn retired the side in the top of the final frame, which included his third and final strikeout.

Both teams finished with seven hits. Jake Smith paced PRCC's effort with two singles and an RBI, while Cook and Brett Harris doubled. Harris (RBI), Blake Munna of Poplarville, and Eric Adkins of Purvis all singled. Davis and Taylor (RBI) led Forest Park with two singles each, while Sansouci, Mason, and B.J. Nagra all singled.

Pearl River committed two errors in the contest, while Forest Park had one miscue.

In PRCC's opening game on Thursday, the Wildcats jumped out to a commanding 6-1 lead after two-and-a-half innings, but the Highlanders blew it open in the bottom of the frame with five runs to tie it up. Pearl River mustered solo runs in the fourth and fifth innings to take the victory, despite committing four errors on the afternoon to Forest Park's one.

The Wildcats wasted little time getting on the scoreboard. Lead off man Smith reached after being belted by one of Forest Park starter Chris Haftron's pitches, then Justin Gros of Oak Grove followed with a double. Adkins' sacrifice scored Smith, then Brett Harris' single scored Gros to make it 2-0.

PRCC padded its lead in the top of the second with two more runs. Jared Harris led off with a single, then pinch runner Josh Parker of Picayune stole second and reached third off a passed ball. He scored off Cook's sacrifice, then Nate Murray of Bogalusa singled and eventually scored on another passed ball. Jake Smith walked, then Gros was hit by a pitch, but both were left stranded.

The Highlanders retaliated big time in the bottom of the frame. Forest Park quickly had two base runners when Mike LoBosco singled and

Mason reached after a "catcher's inference" call by the home plate umpire. Taylor followed with a single, scoring LoBosco, then Wildcat starter Jered Salazar of Lafayette, La., hit A.J. Otto to load the bases. The LSU signee bounced back with a strikeout, but Davis then reached off an infield error, scoring two runs to make it 6-4. One strikeout later, Nagra bashed a two-run base hit to tie it up.

O'Flynn relieved Salazar after the game-tying single.

Pearl River iced the game in the top of the fourth when Gros cracked a one-out single, Adkins walked, then Middleton singled in Gros for the go-ahead run. In the top of the fifth, Jared Harris led off with a walk, then pinch runner Parker scored off Munna's double.

PRCC left two base runners stranded in each of the last eight innings.

O'Flynn (3-0) was the winning pitcher in his five-and-one-third innings of relief, striking out three, walking none, and hitting no batters. Salazar finished with four strikeouts, no walks, and no hit batters.

Carroll (5-2) picked up the loss in his six innings of relief, striking out two, walking five, and hitting no batters; while Haftron struck out none, walked one, and hit one batter.

"We've still got a lot of hard work ahead of us," said Artigues. "We're heading into the World Series against the cream of the crop among the nation's community colleges. We've got to continue to work and practice hard. A national championship is within our grasp."

After arriving back on the PRCC campus Sunday, Artigues gave the Wildcats Monday off, but resumed practice Tuesday. The team will head to Millington Friday.

The Wildcats open play in the World Series against the Southwest District champ at 7:30 p.m. Saturday at the USA Baseball Complex in Millington.

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OLDS ACHEVIA, '96, V-6, auto, 4dr, a/c power windows/locks, cruise control. Good condition. New tires. 130K/miles. \$3,560. Call 463-1707.

NOTICE OF ABANDONED VEHICLES

The following vehicles will be sold 30 days after the first publication:

Unknown Year Wooden Hull Boat VIN# 514408

GULF STREAM SEAFOOD 5221 SHIPYARD RD. LAKESHORE, MS 228-463-1719

5/23, 5/30, 6/6/2002

NOTICE OF ABANDONED VEHICLES

The following vehicles will be sold 30 days after the first publication:

1985 Chevy Caprice VIN# 1G1NB69H5GY102436

BULLDOG TOWING, INC 9028 LADNER STREET BAY ST. LOUIS, MS 39520 228-467-3287

5/9, 5/16, 5/23/2002

138 Trucks, Vans

1988 CHEVY 4-DOOR 1 TON STEEL bed with 5th wheel goose neck draw bar. For more info call 255-0493 or 467-4266.

2001 DODGE RAM 1500, 4DR, 5 speed, standard, cold air, 18,000mi. Like new. \$13,500. 586-2215 or 467-2288.

97 EXPLORER, LOADED, sport trim, mag wheels, excellent condition. \$7,000. 799-0498 or 255-0126.

FOR SALE: '96 DODGE CARAVAN. 7 passenger. Automatic. "Cold A/C" Excellent condition. 83K miles. Call 255-8233 for information.

FORD, E-150 VAN LOADED. Very dependable, \$3,000. 466-2754.

143 Real Estate Services

"All real estate advertised herein is subject to the Federal Fair Housing Act, which makes it illegal to advertise any preference, limitation, or discrimination based on race, color, religion, sex, handicap, familial status, or national origin, or intention to make any such preference, limitation, or discrimination. We will not knowingly accept any advertising for real estate which is in violation of the law. All persons are hereby informed that all dwellings advertised are available on an equal opportunity basis."

145 Roommates Wanted

ROOM MATE WANTED: CALL 463-1615.

146 Rooms For Rent

A/C GUESTROOM AT CARROLL House in BSL. Phone, other extras. \$300 for quick rental. 467-6713.

147 Apartments For Rent

1 & 2 BEDROOM, ALL ELECTRIC. Central heat/air, carpet, stove, refrigerator, water included. Starting \$325/month, plus deposit. Lease/pet free. 463-0043, 467-9395.

1 BEDROOM COMPLETELY FURNISHED, utilities and cable. 467-8245.

2 BEDROOM APARTMENT IN BSL. Central a/h, \$500/month + deposit. Call 466-2635.

147 Apartments For Rent

1 BEDROOM GUEST HOUSE: all utilities included. \$400/month, \$400/deposit. 467-8334 after 5:00pm.

2 BEDROOM, 2 FULL BATH, utility room, W/D hook-ups. 1 year lease \$545/month (includes water) 467-3601. 326 Old Spanish Trail.

2BR. APARTMENT FOR RENT, near Casino. \$435/month. \$435/security deposit. 467-9278.

3 BEDROOM 2 BATHROOM SPA-CIOUS apartment, conveniently located. Fenced in deck, just \$635.00 per month. Deposit required. Call for application. 1-800-398-0454. Available July 1st.

Bay Side Apartments

NOW RENTING
CALL TODAY!!
467-2881

701 Union Bay St. Louis
8am-12pm Mon-Fri

The Waverly Apartments
NOW LEASING
Brand New!! 1, 2 & 3 BR's
(228) 463-2635

"DON'T PASS" UP OUR GREAT Special, call Signature Lake Apts. 452-9901.

FURNISHED VACATION COTTAGE on water. \$200/weekly, \$600/monthly. 467-2014.

148 Mobile Homes For Rent

1 OR 2 BEDROOM FURNISHED: All utilities paid. Weekly/monthly. Laundry. Pet free environment. Near Port Bienville/Nasa. Pearlington, MS 228-533-7001.

14'x70' 2BD, 2BA, TOTAL ELECTRIC. W&D. Partially furnished. \$425/mo. \$150/dp. Includes water & garbage. 255-7405.

2 BEDROOM MOBILE HOMES for rent. Nice, quiet area with large shady Oak trees, in N.E. Hancock County. \$360/month, \$150/deposit. 255-7480.

2/BR 1/BATH TRAILER FOR Rent in the Kiln. Pet free environment. 255-9397.

2BR MOBILE HOME. LARGE yard. \$350/month. \$200 security deposit. Bay/Waveland Area. 467-6880.

TRAILERS FOR RENT: 255-7180.

WATERFRONT 2BR, 1 1/2BA, plus bonus room. Newly remodeled. Pet free. \$450/month plus \$400/deposit includes water and sewerage fee. 1-985-649-0826.

150 Unfurn. Houses Rent

1,2,3, & 4 BEDROOM HOMES from \$250 to \$985. Ask for Carol. Pet/Free. Key Properties. 467-0600.

2 BDR 1 BA, LIVINGROOM, LARGE den, big fenced yard, pet free. 1/2 mile from beach off Lakeshore Rd. \$500/month + deposit. Shown by appointment only. (601)798-5720.

2 BEDROOM 1 BATH WATERFRONT COTTAGE near 603. Central AC/Heat. Fireplace. Hook-ups. Pet/smoke free. \$475/month. \$375/deposit. Sail Fish Realty. 466-9947.

2 BEDROOM, 2 BATHROOM HOME on canal. Beautiful bay views. Close to Casino Magic. Quiet Bay St. Louis location. Pet free, smoke free, \$850.00 per month. Deposit required. Long term lease available. Bruce 1-800-398-0454.

2 BR. HOUSE IN PASS CHRISTIAN \$585/month, \$585/security deposit. 467-9278.

2BR. HOUSE IN BSL. \$525/month. \$525/security deposit. 467-9278.

2BR/1BA, LARGE FENCED YARD, near beach and Yacht Club. \$500/month. 467-8263.

2BR/BA ON WATER. \$575/month, \$500/deposit. Pet free. 466-3885 after 4:00pm.

2BR/BA, FRONT AND BACK screened porches, stove and refrigerator. W/D hookups. Cedar Point area. \$500 + deposit. 466-2728.

3 BD/1.5BA, SCREENED PORCH. 1/2 block from beach. \$675/month. (504)949-9582.

3 BEDROOM, 2 BATHROOM HOME on deep water canal over 2200 square feet. Executive area of Diamondhead. Smoke free, pet free, long term lease available. \$1,100.00 per month, plus utilities. Deposit required. Available immediately. For an application call Bruce. 1-800-398-0454.

3BEDROOMS/2 FULL BATHS. Single car garage, fenced back yard, exterior storage, great neighborhood. Pet free/smoke free, available June 1st. 114' Espana Park. \$750/rent \$750/deposit. 467-1485 or 547-6032.

3BR/BA, IN KILN AREA. \$650/month. Call 255-2333.

414 ST. JOHN ST., BSL. BEAUTIFULLY renovated, large, 2BR, 1 bath, central air/heat. Carpet w/large yard. \$800/month. (504)471-8000, or (228)342-2179.

BSL, NEWER 3 BEDROOM, PLUS den. \$675. + deposit and reference. Water, sewerage paid. Available in June. 452-7192.

150 Unfurn. Houses Rent

COUNTRY HOME WITH Fireplace 3bedroom, ceramic tile, pecan trees, 1/2 mile to beach \$600/month 467-3773

DIAMONDHEAD 3 BEDROOM, 2 BATH, fireplace, washer/dryer, very clean, pet-free. \$825/monthly + deposit. 467-7345

FOR LEASE HOMES. Apartments. Townhouses. new construction. Prices from \$450.00 to \$900.00 per month. Call Chari Rapp, Century 21 McIntyre/Rapp 467-3777

LIKE NEW 3 BR, 2 BA FROM \$750 per month. Century 21 of Diamondhead 255-3550

NICE 1-1/2 BEDROOM FENCED Waveland Cottage \$475/month includes water & trash 467-1781 leave message

WAVELAND 2BR, 1BA 255-9397

151 Furn. Houses Rent

WATERFRONT, 3BR/2BA, central air/heat, screened patio, work bench new roof. 4016 Madagascar St. BSL 467-1002

152 Mobile Home Sites

TRAILER SLOT AVAILABLE IDEAL Trailer Park, Ruelia St., BSL \$100 a month. Call 467-4594 or 467-2142

153 Real Estate Wanted

LOOKING FOR A RENT TO OWN. 2/bedroom house in B.S.L. area. Send reply to: P.O. Box 3984, Bay St. Louis, MS. 39521.

FOR SALE, ONE ACRE PLUS, lots of various size, starting at \$7,900.00 & up. Call 228-263-2839.

FOR SALE: FOUR BEAUTIFUL LOTS, Bayside Park, Sewerage Available. Quiet area. Owner financing. Only \$100.00 down. Terms to suit. 228-467-5734.

LAND FOR SALE, 5 ACRES, \$10,000 per acre, negotiable. Can be divided. Hill Brooke Lane, Pass Christian. Call 467-4266 or 255-0493. Leave message.

LARGE BUILDING LOT: WAVELAND, Fantastic Area, All Utilities Owner Financing Available. Only \$250.00 down. Terms to suit your budget. 228-467-5734.

INVESTMENT PROPERTY, next to future casino, Lakeshore, across from Carmel Seafood. Block to beach, approx. 1 acre + nice house, 3/BD 2/BA. Priced to sell. First \$105K gets it. Murphy Marine Realty. 466-9947.

NOW RENTING: MID TOWN STOREAGE. Conveniently located, Nicholson and Hwy 90, Waveland. Across from 81 Lumber. 463-0074.

OFFICE & RETAIL SPACE AVAILABLE: Choctaw Village, Waveland Ms. Phone 228-255-4396 or Pager 588-8854.

RENT HWY 603, 30X60 PAVILION, Flea Market, Boat Repair. 586-2344.

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DECEASED, ALL DEPENDENTS

CAUSE NO. 2002-325

DEFENDANT

CAUSE NO. 2002-385

Public Notices

**IN THE CHANCERY COURT
OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI**
MARTIN BUSBY PLAINTIFFS
VS
MARY PEARL SHANKS, DEFENDANTS
CAUSE NO. 2002-338
PUBLICATION SUMMONS

To (1) Mary Pearl Shanks if alive who is believed to be a non-resident of the State of Mississippi whose last known address both post office and street address is P.O. Box 190 Greenwell MS 39370, after diligent search and inquiry, and if she be dead her unknown heirs at law or devisees whose names last known addresses both post office and street addresses are unknown. After diligent search and inquiry, (2) James W. Petey Jr. if alive who is believed to be a non-resident of the state of Mississippi whose last known address both post office and street address is 2040 Main Street, New Orleans LA 70115 after diligent search and inquiry and if he be dead his unknown heirs at law or devisees whose names last known addresses both post office and street addresses are unknown. After diligent search and inquiry, (3) John G. Rubin if alive who is believed to be a non-resident of the state of Mississippi whose last known address both post office and street address is 2040 Main Street, New Orleans LA 70115 after diligent search and inquiry and if he be dead her unknown heirs at law or devisees whose names last known addresses both post office and street addresses are unknown. After diligent search and inquiry, (4) Dorothy Rubin if alive who is believed to be a non-resident of the state of Mississippi whose last known address both post office and street address is 2040 Main Street, New Orleans LA 70115 after diligent search and inquiry and if she be dead her unknown heirs at law or devisees whose names last known addresses both post office and street addresses are unknown. After diligent search and inquiry, (5) And Any and All Other Persons having or claiming any legal or equitable interest in and to the land described in the Complaint. You have been made Defendants in the lawsuit filed in this Court by Martin Busby and Susan Busby Plaintiffs whose address is C/o George H Lipscomb Jr P.O. Box 2114 Bay St Louis MS 39521. The Complaint filed against you has initiated a civil action alleging legal ownership of the property described in the Complaint and seeking to quiet and confirm title. You are required to file with the Chancery Clerk of this Court a written answer either admitting or denying each allegation in the complaint and in addition a copy of your written answer should be either mailed or hand delivered to George H Lipscomb Jr. Plaintiffs attorney, whose address is P.O. Box 2114 Bay St Louis MS 39521.

YOUR ANSWER MUST BE FILED NOT LATER THAN THIRTY DAYS AFTER THE FIRST DAY OF MAY, 2002 WHICH IS THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS SUMMONS IF YOUR ANSWER IS NOT SO FILED, MAILED OR DELIVERED A JUDGEMENT BY DEFAULT MAY BE ENTERED AGAINST YOU FOR THE MONEY OTHER RELIEF DEMANDED IN THE COMPLAINT

WITNESS my signature and official seal this 1st day of May 2002

(SEAL)

Timothy A. Kellar
CHANCERY CLERK

BY LARINELL SCARBROUGH
DEPUTY CLERK

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IN THE CHANCERY COURT

OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI
WAYNE H. JENEVEIN PLAINTIFF
vs
MICHAEL SHOFFNER CANNON, JR.
ET AL DEFENDANTS
CAUSE NO. 2002-339
PUBLICATION SUMMONS

To (1) Michael Shoffner Cannon, Jr if alive who is believed to be a non-resident of the State of Mississippi whose last known address both post office and street address is 5 Holly Lane Covington LA 70433 after diligent search and inquiry, and if he be dead his unknown heirs at law or devisees whose names last known addresses both post office and street address are unknown after diligent search and inquiry, (2) Michael Shoffner Cannon, Jr if alive who is believed to be a non-resident of the State of Mississippi whose last known address both post office and street address is 2040 Main Street, New Orleans LA 70115 after diligent search and inquiry and if he be dead her unknown heirs at law or devisees whose names last known addresses both post office and street addresses are unknown after diligent search and inquiry, (3) Any and All Other Persons having or claiming any legal or equitable interest in and to the land described in the Complaint. You have been made Defendants in the lawsuit filed in this Court by Wayne H. Jenevein Plaintiff whose address is C/o George H Lipscomb Jr P.O. Box 2114 Bay St Louis MS 39521.

The Complaint filed against you has initiated a civil action alleging legal ownership of the property described in the Complaint and seeking to quiet and confirm title. You are required to file with the Chancery Clerk of this Court a written answer either admitting or denying each allegation in the complaint and in addition a copy of your written answer should be either mailed or hand delivered to George H Lipscomb Jr. Plaintiffs attorney, whose address is P.O. Box 2114 Bay St Louis MS 39521.

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IN THE CHANCERY COURT

OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE
OF RALPH EUGENE BRANDT, SR.
ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE TO CREDITORS
RALPH EUGENE BRANDT, SR.

Letters of Administration having been granted on the 7th day of May, 2002 by the Chancery Court of Hancock County Mississippi to the undersigned upon the Estate of Ralph Eugene Brandt. Sr. Creditors are hereby given notice to present the same to the Clerk of said Court for probate and registry according to law within 90 days from the date of the first publication of this Notice or they will be forever barred.

This the 7th day of May, 2002

RALPH E. BRANDT, JR.
Administrator of the Estate of
Ralph Eugene Brandt, Sr.

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS
OF

IDA MAE STEWART, DECEASED
NO. 2002-346

Letters of Administration having been granted on the 9th day of May, 2002 by the Chancery Court of Hancock County Mississippi to the undersigned upon the estate of Ida Mae Stewart. Ida Mae deceased notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against said estate to present the same to the Clerk of said Court for probate and registry according to law within ninety 90 days from the date of first publication of this Notice or they will be forever barred.

This 9th day of May, 2002

Marguerite B Teske
Administrator of Estate of
Ida Mae Stewart, Deceased

FAVRE, GEMER & SCARFIDE
Attorneys at Law
P.O. Box 70
Bay St Louis MS 39520
05/16 5/23 05/00

PUBLIC NOTICE OF APPLICATION
FOR COASTAL WETLANDS PERMIT
AND WATER POLLUTION CERTIFICATION

The Mississippi Coastal Protection and Development Commission has filed an application with the Department of Marine Resources requesting permission to conduct regulated activities under the provision of the Coastal Wetlands Protection Law Act Title 49, Chapter 27, Mississippi Code of 1972 located at the western end of the Industrial Seaway approximately 400 feet east of the Three Rivers Road bridge, Gulfport, Harrison County, Mississippi.

The applicant is requesting permission to construct an open-sided boathouse 33 feet in length 12 feet in width and no more than 25 feet in height above mean high water. The proposed boathouse will be built parallel to the existing pier. The existing pier and the proposed boathouse together will extend 22 feet into the canal in compliance with Section 401 of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act 33 U.S.C. 1314i as amended by PL 95-217. The applicant will request certification from the Office of Pollution Control that the above mentioned activity will be in compliance with applicable provisions of Section 301 (33 U.S.C. 1311) Section 302 (33 U.S.C. 1316) Section 303 (U.S.C. 1313) Section 306 (U.S.C. 1316) and Section 307 (U.S.C. 1317) of the Act and appropriate requirements of the State Law.

Any Person wishing to make comments or objections to the proposed regulated activity must submit those comments in writing to the Department of Marine Resources at 1141 Bayview Avenue Biloxi, Mississippi 39530 and the Office of Pollution Control, Post Office Box 10385, Jackson, Mississippi 39205 before 1:00 p.m. on the day of June 5, 2002

Public Notices

**IN THE CHANCERY COURT
OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI**
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF
IDA MAE STEWART, DECEASED
MARGUERITE B. TESKE
JACQUELYN B. CRAFT
C. W. BRUNSON, JR
CLAYTON S. BRUNSON PETITIONERS
VS
HEIRS AT LAW OF
IDA MAE STEWART, GRAHAM, DECEASED
DEFENDANTS
CAUSE NO. 2002-346
SUMMONS

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You are summoned to appear and defend against the petition filed against you in this action at 9:30 o'clock A.M. on the 20th day of June, 2002 in the Courtroom of the Hancock County Court Annex at 306 Highway 90, Bay St Louis Mississippi. You will be given time to appear and defend a judgment will be entered against you if you do not appear. You are not required to file an answer or other pleading, but you may do so if you desire. Issued under my hand and the seal of said Court this 9 day of May 2002

SEAL

Timothy A. Kellar
CHANCERY CLERK
BY Erica Ceballos
DEPUTY CLERK

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SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION
IN THE CHANCERY COURT

OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI
DAVID MONTROSE JOHNSON PLAINTIFF
VERSUS
STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, CITY OF BAY ST LOUIS, MISSISSIPPI, BERNARD BOURGEOIS, IF LIVING AND IF DEAD, HIS UNKNOWN HEIRS-AT-LAW OR DEVISEES AND ANY AND ALL PERSONS HAVING OR CLAIMING ANY LEGAL OR EQUITABLE INTEREST IN OR TO THE PROPERTY DESCRIBED IN THE PUBLICATION
ENTITLED TO BE FILED IN HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI, TO-WIT

LOT 3, BLOCK 4, VON DRZEWINSKI'S FIRST ADDITION, to the Town of Waveland Hancock County Mississippi as per map or plat of said subdivision on file and record in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Hancock County Mississippi.

CAUSE NO. 2002-369

THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

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Girls Staters convene at Southern Miss June 8

More than 400 rising high school seniors will get a hands-on education in government and politics June 8-14 as they convene in Hattiesburg for the 55th session of the Magnolia Girls State.

They will participate in activities such as political conventions, elections, mock trials and city projects while creating the fictitious State of Magnolia during their week-long stay at the University of Southern Mississippi.

Sponsored by the American Legion Auxiliary, Girls State provides delegates a chance to see the inner workings of politics on the state and local levels. The program is designed to educate young women in the duties, privileges, rights and responsibilities of good citizenship.

"These girls will be learning by doing," said Girls State Director Lou Wilkerson of Bay St. Louis. "Girls State provides

participants an opportunity to live together as self-governing citizens and hopefully encourages their participation in the democratic process as they get older."

Wilkerson and a staff of 15 senior counselors, 35 junior counselors and 10 additional auxiliary members will oversee the week's events.

In addition to political activities, the girls can participate in a talent show, glee club, exercise

program and yearbook production. Several of the state's top elected officials, including Lt. Gov. Amy Tuck and Attorney General Mike Moore, will speak to the participants during the week. The week will conclude with graduation ceremonies Friday, June 14 when nearly \$9,000 in scholarships will be awarded to qualified participants. When the girls check in, they are registered as members of either the Federalist or

Nationalist party, and roommates cannot be of the same political party. Girls State delegates will reside in Southern Miss residence halls with each floor forming a fictitious city. In all, 15 cities will be grouped into five counties and the entire delegation will make up the fictitious state of Magnolia. Delegates will nominate candidates for offices at all levels of state and local government.

Party caucuses will be held, platforms will be

written and voting will be conducted as in real campaigns. During the session, two delegates will be chosen to represent Mississippi during the American Legion Auxiliary's Girls Nation, to be held later this summer in Washington, D.C.

For more information about the 55th session of Girls State, contact the state's American Legion Auxiliary at (601) 353-3681 or Wilkerson at (228) 467-6098.

Area residents can gain MBA at Stennis Space Center

The University of Southern Mississippi and the Center of Higher Learning will start the core courses for the master of business administration degree next fall at the John C. Stennis Space Center.

All area residents and Stennis Space Center employees are eligible to apply.

"Area residents are encouraged to apply as students in the MBA program," said Keith Long, academic affairs director for the Center of Higher

Learning.

The program of study is one year and two semesters for business majors, if students take two classes per semester. Students unable to take two classes a semester will take longer to complete their degree and are welcome to attend classes in Long Beach or Hattiesburg, if necessary.

Classes at Stennis normally start at 4:45 p.m. and continue until 7:30 p.m. Individuals holding non-business undergraduate majors may

need to take some or all of the six prerequisite classes, which will be offered at a later date.

"There are already 14 students in the prerequisite program and we expect that number to double in the fall when the core courses start," said Dr. Stephen Bushardt, director of the Graduate School of Management at USM.

One of the current MBA students, Tom Rich, said that he is "already using some of the skills that he has learned to make his job

easier and make his department run more smoothly."

Missy Ferguson, another student who will enroll in the core classes next fall, "finds the convenience of the program makes working full-time and attending graduate school a little easier."

She admits to "working hard, learning a lot, making new friends and having fun." Several social activities are included in the program, including a one-day, outward-bound

experience course and an etiquette program.

"The faculty at USM are excited about this new collaboration with Stennis Space Center," said Bushardt.

"Our graduate program is one of the 33 percent of business programs in the country accredited by the International Association for Management Education.

"In addition to the functions and environment of business, the program focuses on communications

and critical thinking, global dimensions of business, and business ethics."

"Applications from business majors wanting to start this fall should be submitted by July 1. However, I would be pleased to talk with individuals in other majors if they have an interest in the program."

For more information on the USM MBA program at Stennis, please e-mail <keith.long@usm.edu> or mail to: keith.long@usm.edu or call 228-688-7662.

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